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## Iraqis by millions joyously vote

### THE VOTE

- Of the 14.2 million Iraqis who were registered to vote, officials estimated that 60 percent did
- 30,000 polling booths were opened at 7 a.m. Sunday (10 p.m. CST Jan. 29); voting ended at 5 p.m. (8 a.m. Sunday CST)

### VIOLENCE

- More than a dozen attacks by insurgents spread across the country to discourage and stop voting
- At least nine suicide bombings took place
- At least 44 people were killed, 71 others wounded

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*Insurgent violence, while less than had been feared, kills at least 44*

BY ANTHONY SHADID  
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD — Millions of Iraqis turned out Sunday to cast ballots in the country's first free nationwide elections in a half-century, the ranks of voters surging as attacks by insurgents proved less ferocious than feared and enthusiasm spilled over into largely Sunni Arab regions, where hardly a campaign poster had appeared.

At least 44 people were reported killed in suicide bombings, shootings, and mortar and rocket attacks. But for the first time since the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003, the haggard capital and other parts of Iraq took on the veneer of a festival, as crowds danced, chanted, and played soccer in streets secured by thousands of Iraqi and American forces. From the Kurdish north to the largely Shiite south, at thousands of polling stations, voters delivered a similar message: The elections represented their moment not only to seize the future but also to reject a legacy of dictatorship and the bloodshed and hardship that have followed the U.S. invasion.

Lines that began small at polling stations grew during the 10 hours of voting, sometimes dramatically. After casting ballots, many Iraqis triumphantly



Iraqis line up at a polling station in the At Maeel area of Basra, Iraq, on Sunday. Mostly Shiite Iraqis south of Baghdad defied threats of violence and calls for a boycott to cast ballots in Iraq's first free nationwide election in a half-century.

Toby Melville/Associated Press

pointed their index fingers, stained with the purple ink that indicated they had voted, and hardly flinched at gunfire and explosions that interrupted the day. At one station, a woman showered election workers with

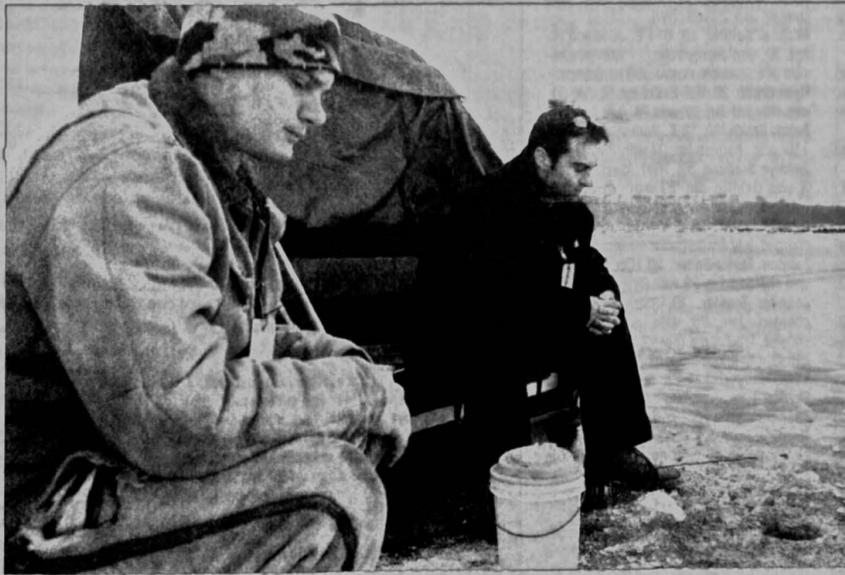
handfuls of candy. At another, a veiled, elderly woman kept repeating, "God's blessings on you," to election workers. Across town, three Iraqi soldiers carried an elderly man in a wheelchair two blocks to a voting booth.

"It's like a wedding. I swear to God, it's a wedding for all of Iraq," said Mohammed Nuhair Rubaie, the director of a polling station in Baghdad's Sunni neighborhood of Tunis where, after a slow start, hundreds of voters

gathered as the cloudless day progressed. "No one has ever witnessed this before. For a half-century, no one has seen anything like it.

"And we did it ourselves."

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## ICE FISHERS COMETH

*Enthusiasts head to frozen water for a good cause*

BY MEGHAN SIMS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

KELLOGG, Iowa — Devon and Andy DeAngelo sit atop a plot of 1-foot-thick ice spanning the breadth of the nearly 500-acre lake. The brothers stare into their drilled holes, their lines bobbing with slack in the frigid water, and wait.

And wait. Suddenly, Andy DeAngelo springs to his feet. "I got a big-ass bluegill!"

His hands rosy with cold, the 20-year-old Kirkwood student fishes the baited hook from the bluegill's mouth.

"Damn, he must've been on there a while," he says, scrunching his nose as he pulls the now-pulpy worm out, "because he swallowed it."

At a time when many college students are just staggering home, 22-year-old Devon and Andy rolled out of bed to enter the second Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Ice Fishing Tournament in Kellogg's Rock Creek Lake. Fifty-one two-person teams paid \$25 to compete from 8 a.m. to noon, then submit up to 15 of their biggest bluegills and crappies for a shot at cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$250.

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Andy DeAngelo, a Kirkwood student waits with brother Devon DeAngelo, a UI senior, for a bite in near-freezing weather. Early on Jan. 29, approximately 100 anglers drilled holes in the ice on Rock Creek Lake, near Kellogg, Iowa, in hopes of winning the \$250 first-place prize in an ice-fishing tournament.

### IOWA STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

## Regent nominee wants to raise quality of universities

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The newest face on the state Board of Regents said she has her eyes pointed toward raising the quality of Iowa's public universities, emphasizing the significance of education as a tool to solidify the state's base.

Gov. Tom Vilsack nominated businesswoman Teresa Wahlert on Jan. 28 to replace outgoing Regent President John Forsyth, who resigned last week because of a potential conflict-of-interest concerns.

Wahlert, a Dubuque native now living in Waukee, Iowa, is the president and chief operating officer of Mid-American Group, a real-estate development and management company founded by UI alumnus Marvin Pomerantz. "She is a leader and respected businesswoman who has the type of real-world experience we need to keep our regents' schools strong," Vilsack said in a statement.

Because of previous commitments, Wahlert said, she will probably not attend the board's monthly meeting this week, Wednesday and Thursday at the IMU. But she said she is ready to help bolster education in the state, which she calls a "core value and core economic-development tool."

"My strategy would be to develop a long-term vision of what it's

going to take to continue elevating the standards of education in this particular opportunity as well as focusing on keeping tuition reasonable," she said.

The nine-member board may face even more changes later this year when terms for current Regents Rose Vasquez and Owen Newlin end. Vilsack will announce potential reappointments or new nominations roughly four to six weeks before the April 30 expiration date.

The expected changes in the board's makeup aren't out of the ordinary, one regent said.

"It's usually three people every two years," said interim Regent President Robert Downer.

"I don't view this as a substantially different thing from what happens every odd-numbered year."

But some Republican lawmakers have raised concerns about the sudden shuffling of regents, demanding answers to recent board resignations before they approve a \$40-million a year proposal that would match tuition increases with the inflation rate.

If lawmakers refuse to pass the plan, the regents may be forced to start over and devise other responses to the escalating costs of education.

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### APPOINTEE

**Name:** Teresa Wahlert  
**Position filled:** Regent  
**Residence:** Waukee, Iowa  
**Current position:** President and chief operating officer of Mid-American Group in Des Moines  
**Past positions:** President and CEO of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, regional vice president for Qwest  
**Gov. Tom Vilsack announced Regent David Neil's replacement, Des Moines businessman Michael Gartner, early last week.**

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↓ 25 .. Cloudy, light breezes, 20% chance of snow

**WAKE-UP CALL**  
Steve Alford benches his three captains, albeit briefly, and that seems to light a fire. Or three. **1B**



**OPEC STAYS THE \$50 COURSE**  
Oil prices will remain nearly steady, the head of the oil cartel says. **9A**

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# NEWS

## CITY

### No deferred judgment in theft

An Iowa City woman expressed her remorse and regret in front of a 6th District judge on Jan. 28 for stealing more than \$79,000 from a former employer, but she will not have a first-degree theft conviction erased from her record.

Joanna Christine Igo, 35, received a 10-year suspended sentence, five years' probation, and 100 hours community service. Judge Douglas Russell denied her request for a deferred judgment, which would have wiped the offense from her record pending completion of probation.

Igo embezzled the money from Paul's Discount from June 2002 to June 2004, when she worked at the store as an office manager and daytime bookkeeper. In order to pay everyday expenses for her family of three and buy a \$1,500 boat, she took money from registers and placed it in her purse.

"I regret that my actions do not reflect the role model I want to be for my 8-year-old son," Igo told the judge, adding that she was ashamed of tarnishing her husband's "good name."

Russell said he wanted Igo, who is employed at Pet Land, 1851 Lower Muscatine Road, to continue working not only for her benefit but in order for her to pay restitution to Paul's.

— by Traci Finch

### IC man charged with identity theft

An Iowa City man was arrested late last week after allegedly

registering as a UI student in August using someone else's Social Security number, along with a slew of other identity theft-related charges.

Joseph Patrick Hentzel, 26, is accused of registering for classes as Jeffrey Paul Erickson.

He allegedly had a UI identification card when he was arrested in October and charged with prescription forgery.

During an October search of his residence at 820 E. Burlington St. Apt. 4, police also allegedly found a voter-registration card with the same name in Hentzel's wallet.

According to police reports, the information on the card was false, and the handwriting on a voter-registration application matched samples from forged prescriptions also discovered at Hentzel's home during the search.

Hentzel was charged on Oct. 10 with prescription forgery after he allegedly obtained or attempted to obtain prescription drugs using the names Daniel Campbell and Jeffrey Erickson; police also allegedly found various prescription-medication tabs in another person's name and notes in Hentzel's handwriting indicating that he sold the medication.

Hentzel was charged with identity theft, an aggravated misdemeanor, possession of prescription drugs with intent to deliver, a Class B felony, 25 counts of forgery of prescriptions, Class C or D felonies, and two counts of first-degree election misconduct, a Class D felony. Police also charged Hentzel with

possession of marijuana after the search, a serious misdemeanor.

As of Sunday afternoon, Hentzel was being held in the Johnson County Jail on a \$25,000 cash bond.

— by Traci Finch

### Probation ordered in embezzlement

A former employee of Ambrose Development in Jan. 28 was ordered to repay the roughly \$30,000 she stole from the company between April 1 and Aug. 12, 2003.

Sixth District Judge Amanda Potterfield ordered Cynthia Peiffer, 41, to serve five years' probation and a 10-year suspended prison sentence after the defendant promised she had turned her life around.

Peiffer pleaded guilty to first-degree theft in December 2004 after she forged checks and fraudulently used the company's computer system to pay her personal bills and then either deposited the money directly into her personal bank accounts or presented them to pay for merchandise.

The mother of two children is unemployed but is taking classes at Kirkwood Community College, said her attorney, Richard Klausner. He added that Peiffer had taken several steps toward solving her lengthy history of medical problems.

"She's trying to get back into the employment pool," he said.

Peiffer told Potterfield she wishes to complete Kirkwood's dental-hygiene program and hoped that "psychiatrically, I can be stable."

Potterfield said the reason Peiffer will not serve any jail time is so "you get back to work to pay back the money you owe."

— by Traci Finch

### Bar-stunt defendants seek new trial

A downtown Iowa City bar and one of its former employees who were ordered to pay nearly \$1 million to a patron who was severely burned by an April 2002 fire stunt are seeking a new trial, according to court documents.

Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., and Troy Kline were sued by former UI student Deanine Busche in 2002; a jury decided in December 2004 to award Busche more than \$1.67 million for the injuries sustained in the incident. A 6th District judge later reduced that amount to \$935,651.50.

Busche suffered burns to 13 percent of her body, a ligament tear, and a broken nose from the bar stunt that burned at least seven patrons.

According to court documents, Et Cetera and Kline allege "two erroneous evidentiary rulings" by the trial judge and improper closing argument by opposing counsel.

The defendant's counsel, Terry Abernathy, did not return several phone calls last week.

In response to the motion for a new trial, Busche has requested an extension to resist a new trial.

If granted, she would file her resistance March 14.

— by Traci Finch

## POLICE BLOTTER

Brian Adrianse, 20, Ames, was charged Jan. 29 with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Jordan Bathen, 19, 640C Mayflower, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Mark Belten, 20, 413 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Anthony Bock, 21, Solon, was charged Sunday with public urination.

Brody Boyd, 23, 961 Miller Ave., was charged Jan. 28 with operating while intoxicated.

Katrina Brosh, 18, 5540 Kirkwood Blvd., was charged Sunday with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification.

Alicia Buck, 20, 5540 Kirkwood Blvd., was charged Sunday with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification.

Kristyn Burch, 18, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 23, was charged Jan. 28 with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification of another.

Daniel Bush, 20, 303 Ellis Ave., was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Christopher Butzke, 20, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1628, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Lindsay Clausen, 19, 1435 Burge, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Patrick Coatrieux, 20, N121 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Shasta Coffield, 20, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 116, was charged Dec. 24 with aiding and abetting forgery.

Mark Condit, 24, 216 E. Market St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 26 with criminal trespass.

Anthony Condon, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 27 with PAULA.

Ashley Candotti, 20, 120 E. Davenport St. Apt. 7, was charged Jan. 27 with public intoxication and PAULA.

Milanie Cripps, 25, 605 Woodside Drive Apt. 9, was charged Jan. 27 with fourth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Amy Cronin, 19, 522 N. Clinton St., was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Derick Damon, 23, Dewar, Iowa, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Wyatt Dowling, 19, 514 Rienow, was charged Jan. 29 with possession of a canceled, suspended, or altered driver's license/identification.

Zachary Droll, 21, 5312 Arbor Drive, was charged Sunday with public urination.

Jason Ebbole, 22, 621 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4,

was charged Jan. 27 with keeping a disorderly house and possession of a schedule I substance with intent to deliver.

Bonnie Emmons, 35, 1410 Brookside Drive, was charged Jan. 27 with public intoxication.

David Eveslage, 19, 812A Mayflower, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Brandon Franzen, 20, Runnels, Iowa, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Dion Gaeta, 23, 55 Arbury Drive, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Alyssa Gilliland, 18, Council Bluffs, was charged Jan. 28 with driving while criminal trespass.

Levi Gulick, 22, Allison, Iowa, was charged Jan. 29 with public urination.

Matthew Hervey, 18, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

William Hicks, 58, Hills, was charged Jan. 27 with fifth-degree theft.

Evan Hoadley, 18, 433C Mayflower, was charged Jan. 29 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Brecca Hoffman, 18, 721B Mayflower, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of marijuana.

Scott Horwitch, 20, 522 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 2, was charged Jan. 29 with possession of marijuana and unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification of another.

Stephanie Huddleston, 20, 801 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 313, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Uwem Iniani, 34, address unknown, was charged Jan. 28 with criminal trespass and assault causing injury.

Nicholas Kaeding, 24, North Liberty, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Drew Kerr, 19, 320 Ellis Ave., was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Nathan Kinsey, 18, 52245 Mayflower, was charged Jan. 28 with OWI.

Justin Kitzman, age unknown, Mount Pleasant, was charged Sunday with possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

Krista Langkamp, 19, 413 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Nicholas Liker, 20, 223 Campus Ave. Apt. 1, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Brian Lisinski, 21, Roselle, Ill., was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Karen Lucas, 20, 906 E. College St., was charged Jan. 29 with public intoxication.

Mary Lynch, 19, Fort Washington, Pa., was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Andrew Lytle, 23, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 705, was charged Jan. 19 with OWI.

Kathleen Marinelli, 55, Palantine, Ill., was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication.

Carrie McKinley, 44, 1296 Dolen Place, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Kristin McManus, 20, 500 S. Linn St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 27 with PAULA.

Dannelle Mendez, 27, 728 Emerald St., was charged Jan. 28 with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

Robert Mensen, 19, 746 Rienow, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Alex Mether, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 28 with two counts of unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification of another.

Brock Milligan, 19, 1503 Burge, was charged Jan. 27 with public intoxication and falsifying a driver's license.

Matthew Mills, 34, 1612 Broadway, was charged Jan. 29 with assault causing injury.

Katherine Mothershead, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 28 with OWI.

Jarret Mulholland, 19, De Witt, Iowa, was charged Jan. 28 with public intoxication, PAULA, and possession of a fictitious driver's license/identification.

Patrick Murphy, 19, West Branch, was charged Jan. 27 with PAULA.

Ryan Nowakowski, 18, Edwardsville, Ill., was charged Jan. 29 with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification, interference with official acts, public urination, and public intoxication.

Abel Ortiz, 24, 415 Woodside Drive Apt. 2, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Jaclyn Peterson, 19, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1532, was charged Jan. 29 with possession of marijuana.

Jennifer Porter, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Evan Pottabaum, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Tyler Poultier, 20, 927 E. College St. Apt. 1, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Patrick Powe, 43, 1442 Plum St., was charged Jan. 28 with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

Ryan Quam, 20, 621 S. Johnson St., was charged Sunday with OWI and unlawful use

of an authentic driver's license/identification of another.

Angela Rios, 29, West Branch, was charged Sunday with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and interference with official acts.

Charles Rogers, 37, 922 Benton Drive, was charged Jan. 27 with driving while license under suspension/canceled.

Roy Sadler, 19, 421 S. Dodge St. Apt. 3, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Brittany Savolainen, 19, 113 Mayflower, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Max Schwelit, 19, Coralville, was charged Jan. 28 with OWI.

Elizabeth Schiehuber, 20, 815 E. Burlington St. was charged Jan. 28 with PAULA.

Philip Schmidt, 20, 333 E. Church St. Apt. 10, was charged Jan. 29 with public intoxication.

Preston Schnoor, 18, 917 E. College St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 29 with PAULA.

Burke Schrader, 21, Luana, Iowa, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Michael Seidler, 19, 614 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 32, was charged Jan. 27 with possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

Ryan Smith, 20, 927 E. College St. Apt. 11, was charged Jan. 27 with PAULA.

Sarah Smith, 20, 13 E. Burlington St. Apt. 115, was charged Jan. 27 with PAULA.

Janalyn Steffens, 52, 1601 Aber Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Jan. 29 with driving while barred and failure to post financial security.

Donald Sutton, 43, Vinton, Iowa, was charged July 8 with public intoxication.

Landon Taylor-Sallis, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 29 with OWI.

Jennifer Tegeler, 19, 3531 Burge, was charged Jan. 28 with possession of cocaine, falsifying a driver's license/identification, and public intoxication.

Ethan Vanderschel, 21, 504 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Kerri Walter, 19, 113 Mayflower, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Natalie Winter, 21, 919 E. Burlington St. Apt. 2, was charged Jan. 28 with OWI.

Christopher Witaske, 21, 604 S. Clinton St., was charged Jan. 28 with keeping a disorderly house.

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In Kevin White's Jan. 26 column, "The latest smoking trend," a sentence that read, "Of course, the tobacco companies do not have to factor in the cost of these lawsuits into the price of a pack of cigarettes, further shifting the burden onto working men and women who smoke," was incorrect. It should have read, "The tobacco companies have to factor in the cost of these lawsuits into the price of a pack of cigarettes, further shifting the burden onto working men and women who smoke." The *DI* regrets the error.

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# UI eschews 'gimmicks' in recruiting students

University recruiters tout the school's technology to lure prospective students

BY ALEX LANG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

While some colleges have turned to reality shows, birthday cards, and other marketing gimmicks to recruit undergraduate students, UI admissions officials say they are not as sold on the idea of "exotic" techniques to lure students.

Instead, university recruiters tout the school's technology, particularly its e-mail and online capabilities, said Director of Admissions Michael Barron. The UI has begun to set up chat rooms for prospective students, for instance, and it sends e-mails with campus photos to newly enrolled students, he said.

"It hasn't been our impression the students seriously considering the university are swayed by these techniques," he said. "In fact, it might give the opposite impression."

Some students might see the "exotic" gimmicks as corny or as a sign the UI is desperate to increase enrollment, which it is not, he said.

Barron added that the university has not had any discussion or made any plans

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— Director of Admissions  
Michael Barron

to discuss the "exotic" recruiting techniques.

However, not all colleges are against the idea of using the strategies to sway prospective students. According to the Associated Press, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln let Tommy Lee shoot his reality show "Tommy Lee Goes to College" on campus. Saint Vincent's College in Pennsylvania offers ski trips to students who apply.

At Doane College in Nebraska, admissions coun-

selors tend to have more direct contact with students and their families, said Daniel Kunzman, the dean of Admissions.

When students apply, the school contacts them through e-mail, instant messages, or telephone.

"Our office does not build a freshman class," he said. "We are building a graduating class."

The direct contact is needed to show students Doane's atmosphere, he said, and is a way for students to see if they enjoy the small-school setting. Doane's total enrollment is 1,100; its largest class is 40 students.

The direct contact Doane uses might not be the best tactic for the UI to lure students, Kunzman said.

While the UI could use a strategy similar to Doane's, the structure would have to be modified to handle the larger applicant pool.

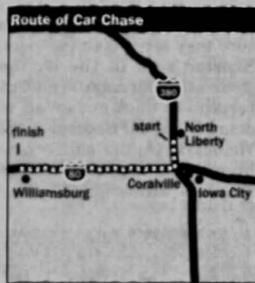
While it might seem Doane is suffocating applicants with contact, Kunzman said, many students who enroll at his university enjoy the attention.

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## CAR CHASE

# Man charged after low-speed chase

An area man sped over Mehaffey Bridge after an alleged domestic-abuse incident, causing the chase



Source: *DI* Research JS/*DI*

BY KATE MCCARTER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Solon man led a string of police cars from three different departments on a low-speed chase early Sunday morning after leaving the scene of an alleged domestic-abuse incident.

Gregory Dwight Rowland, 43, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury, eluding law-enforcement vehicles, operating while intoxicated, driving under suspension, and numerous traffic violations.

No injuries were reported during the pursuit. The only damage reported was to the tires on the suspect's vehicle.

According to police records, Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy Jim Roberts was responding to a report of domestic assault when he observed Rowland driving at a high speed on the Mehaffey Bridge, near Solon.

Rowland failed to pull over for Roberts on Penn Road and instead turned south on

Interstate 380 and then west on Interstate 80. An unknown number of cars from the Coralville police and the Iowa State Patrol joined the chase.

"After he noticed the officers following him, he dramatically reduced his speed," said Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek.

He said Rowland never exceeded 65 mph during the chase and sometimes traveled at speeds as slow as 35 mph on the interstate. The chase ended when the Iowa County Sheriff's Office deployed a tire-deflation device.

Rowland had earlier driven through the I-80 median to avoid Johnson County deputies' attempts to deflate his tires.

Rowland was in the Johnson County jail as of Sunday, awaiting his initial appearance on the charges.

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## STATE

### Judge rejects motion to delay trial

BURLINGTON (AP) — A judge has denied a request to delay a trial scheduled to start Tuesday for a man charged with first-degree murder in the brutal slaying of a Burlington teenager.

Brent Lee Saner, 19, of Burlington is charged in the Feb. 10, 2004, strangulation and stabbing death of 17-year-old Michael Harper.

Another man, William Lucas, 19, of Burlington also is charged with first-degree murder in Harper's death.

His trial, which started earlier this month, was postponed until Feb. 23 after evidence surfaced that neither prosecutors nor defense lawyers had seen.

A judge granted the delay to give lawyers on both sides time to review the evidence, which prosecutors said was inadvertently omitted from a medical examiner's report.

The evidence pertains to tests for drug and alcohol in Harper's system at the time of his death.

Saner's lawyer, Clemens Erdahl of Iowa City, argued that because of the ongoing trial for Lucas, it would be difficult to find an impartial jury for Saner.

"Contamination of the jury is possible," Erdahl said during a hearing on Jan. 28 in 8th District Court.

He also asked for a delay to give him time to review the evidence that caused the delay in Lucas' trial. District Judge William Dowell rejected both requests.

Prosecutors said Lucas and Saner attacked Harper, stabbing him 111 times and breaking his neck.

# High-school grad requirements draw critics, defenders in Iowa

BY DREW KERR  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa may be the only state without uniform high-school graduation requirements, but even as concerns over post-graduation performance arise, state educational leaders seem reluctant to change.

Instead, the responsibility lies with local school boards, which are now being pressured to re-evaluate their requirements and, in many cases, make them more demanding. In some Iowa high schools, students could meet their high schools' benchmarks but still not meet the minimum requirements of the state Board of Regents' universities.

This revelation, coupled with poor postsecondary education performance, has prompted Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack to push for more challenging and relevant curricula. But while education leaders are cognizant of the situation, they oppose mandated minimums.

"It's our belief that the local community has the most interest in seeing those students succeed," said Iowa Department of Education spokeswoman Kathy Slaughter. "In our experience, blanket proposals don't always work well everywhere."

Renato DeLeon, a guidance director at Iowa City West High School, tends to agree. Mandated requirements could

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leave students suffering from "tunnel vision" when selecting high-school courses, he said. But, as extracurricular and non-core classes rise in significance, a multitude of curriculum choices provides the best track to success.

"It's a lot different from the way it used to be," he said.

Nationally, one in four freshmen at a four-year institution does not return for a second year, according to the 2004 ACT report "Crisis at the Core."

Michael Barron, the UI director of Admissions, was skeptical about what effects a mandated minimum would have, noting that "anyone can defy the statistics."

The number and difficulty of classes taken in high school can influence performance when at college, according to the ACT report. With three in 10 students nationwide failing to meet ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks, there is cause for concern.

"These students likely lack the foundational skills when they enter high school and do not take either an adequate number or kind of core courses," the report reads.

Iowa City School District graduation requirements match the state universities' minimal demands, and, for now, that seems to be enough.

Curricula are reviewed every six to seven years on a districtwide basis to determine their efficiency.

Pam Ehly, the district's director of curriculum, said she supports more academic rigor but feels as though Iowa City schools are doing an adequate job of challenging their students.

"I can tell you with a high degree of confidence our students are prepared for college," she said. "We don't have any classes I'd classify as fluff."

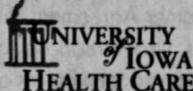
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NEWS

# Skorton: UIHC to terminate Wellmark contract

BY NICK PETERSEN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI President David Skorton said on Jan. 28 that the university will terminate its contract with Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield because he wants a new agreement that would force the insurance company to pay the hospital more for its services.

His first official statement on the issue iterated a position that the UI has held publicly for about a month. The move has thrust the two institutions into

bitter negotiations and left an estimated 1.3 million Iowans wondering how much they will pay for medical services starting Jan. 1, 2006.

"Even strong business relationships must be re-examined on a regular basis to make sure they serve both partners," Skorton said in the written statement. "Our notice of intent to terminate does not mean we desire to end our association with Wellmark. On the contrary, we hope to re-negotiate a new, long-term arrangement."

For Skorton, the basic issue at hand is that the existing contract allows Wellmark to set prices without negotiation. The contract that the UI Hospitals and Clinics is requesting would provide it with more leverage over reimbursement rates.

In the past, Wellmark has requested proof that the hospital offered "unique" services that warranted an increase in reimbursement. Officials at Wellmark declined to comment on Skorton's letter, which named a few services that no other Iowa

hospital offers.

The company has balked at the idea of a contract that would extend to the UIHC what it labels "special deals" that it offers no other hospital.

Sarah Swisher, the director of the patients' interest group Iowa for Health Care and a former UIHC employee, said an increase in compensation from Wellmark would help to cover costs the hospital must absorb each year.

"The university hospitals provide a large volume of indigent care, charity care, and take on a

lot of challenging cases," she said.

If the two companies don't reach an agreement before the current contract ends on Jan. 1, 2006, patients with Wellmark would be forced to either pay a higher insurance deductible or find a different hospital.

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, would not reveal what options the university has considered if it can't draw up a new contract with Wellmark.

"What we hope for is to re-negotiate the contract," he said.

"We don't think it is productive to talk about negotiations publicly."

Under the current agreement, Wellmark pays the UIHC \$200 million for its services, a sum the company determines independently. The university contends that Wellmark prices haven't kept up with the increasing costs of medical services.

Wellmark has said the university's request would tack on an additional \$30 million to its payment.

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STATE

Counties take action to stop meth production

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Municipalities across the state aren't waiting for the Legislature to put new regulations on the sale of items used to make methamphetamine — they're doing it themselves.

The latest local government to consider such legislation is Linn County, the state's second-most-populated county, where supervisors will have a public hearing on a proposed law on Wednesday.

The proposal is patterned after one in Polk County, where supervisors unanimously agreed this month to require buyers of certain cold medicines to show their identification.

The law in the state's most populated county also will require merchants to lock up certain cold medicines containing pseudoephedrine when it takes effect April 2.

Some 1,400 meth labs were discovered in Iowa last year, even as lawmakers limited the sale of certain products to two packages per person in an effort to keep ingredients out of the hands of meth makers.

This year, state lawmakers are considering making those cold medicines Schedule V drugs that could only be sold by pharmacists behind the counter. The law is based on one in Oklahoma, which has seen reduced meth production since its passage, but it is being fought by drug companies and grocers.

"I understand it's being talked about in the Legislature, but it's in the best interest for the citizens of our county to do something immediately," Linn County Supervisor Jim Houser said.

New vehicle-registration system tags stolen cars

DAVENPORT (AP) — A new \$10 million computer system may make it easier to spot a stolen car or truck.

The new statewide vehicle-registration system will make the process of registering a car or truck in Iowa faster. It also will more quickly spot vehicles that are reported stolen, officials said.

"We went from the horse-and-buggy era to the space age in one fell swoop," said Shirley Andre, the director of the Iowa Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Division.

The system has been installed in all of Iowa's 99 counties.

It is designed to let police officers use real-time information when dealing with stolen or abandoned vehicles, said Davenport police Capt. David Struckman. The system went online in Scott County on Jan. 4.

He said police encounter stolen or abandoned vehicles almost daily, and they have trouble finding whom the vehicles belong to.

"Anytime you can cross-reference information is a benefit for law enforcement," Struckman said.

Vilsack's budget to dominate Statehouse

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Tom Vilsack will set the lineup for this year's legislative session when he unveils his proposed \$5 billion budget this week, even as lawmakers continue to worry about turmoil at the state's Board of Regents.

In a daylong series of briefings, meetings, and public events, the governor will outline the details of how he hopes to revive the economy, improve schools, and expand health care. He's heading to a suburban school, hoping to underscore the educational focus he says is contained in that plan.

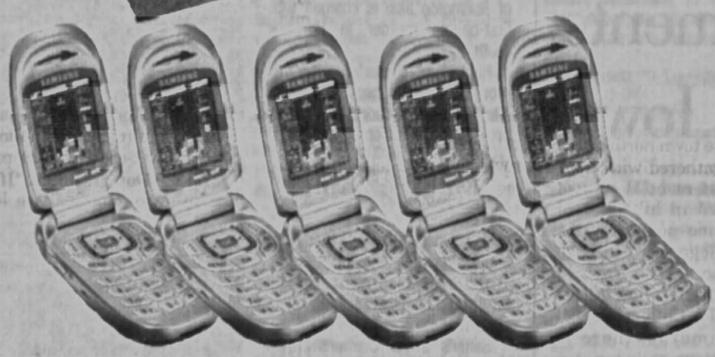
For lawmakers, it will be the first look at the details they've been awaiting since they convened earlier this month, and in many ways, it marks the real beginning of this year's legislative session.

"It's going to have a new beginning, once we see everything the governor has been talking about," said Senate Republican Leader Stewart Iverson, of Dows.



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— Hamid Azawi, 57



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Women get searched before entering a polling station in downtown Irbil, Iraq, on Sunday, 2005. Kurds in scores attended the election in hopes of gaining a significant voice in the interim Iraqi National Assembly.

# Millions of Iraqis celebrate vote

## IRAQ

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Officials loosely estimated voter turnout at 60 percent nationwide — a figure that, if accurate, would make Sunday's vote perhaps the freest, most competitive election in an authoritarian Arab world and a rare victory for the Bush administration in Iraq. U.S. and allied Iraqi leaders had looked to the vote as a turning point in a troubled two-year occupation beset by almost daily carnage, rampant crime, and deep disenchantment with the United States. Those officials had expressed hope that a strong turnout would deliver elusive legitimacy to the new government, enabling it to defeat the insurgency in Sunni regions and begin a long-awaited economic revival.

In the weeks before the vote, insurgents had vowed to disrupt the elections, and on Sunday they carried out the attacks that have become their trademark: suicide bombings, car bombings, and mortar shelling spaced, at one point in the morning, a few seconds apart. Police reported nine suicide bombings, the majority of them carried out by assailants on foot because most cars were banned from streets.

In one of the deadliest attacks, a bomber on a minibus carrying voters to polls in Hilla, south of Baghdad, killed himself and at least four others. In Baghdad, mortar shells struck the neighborhood of Sadr City, and a suicide bomber detonated

explosives at a polling station in Zayuna. Other attacks were reported in Balad and Kirkuk in the north and in Mahawil, south of the capital.

Late in the day, a British C-130 military transport plane crashed near Balad, 35 miles north of Baghdad, scattering wreckage over a wide area. Britain's Press Association reported Sunday night that at least 10 troops were killed.

Al Qaeda in Iraq, a group led by Jordanian guerrilla Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, asserted responsibility for many of the suicide attacks Sunday in a statement posted on the Internet. The statement could not be immediately verified.

In Sunni-populated regions of central and northern Iraq, where the insurgency has been most fierce, turnout was far lower than elsewhere, a sign of the guerrillas' strength in those areas and their ability to intimidate people.

Despite rumors that food rations would be taken away if residents failed to vote, few defied threats by insurgents to, in the words of one leaflet, "wash the streets" with the blood of voters.

In Ramadi, a western city of roughly 200,000 people along the Euphrates River, residents said only six people voted at one polling station: the provincial governor, three of his deputies, the representative of the Communist Party, and the police chief. In Dhuluyah, a town north of Baghdad along the Tigris, the eight polling stations

never opened, residents said, and in other towns in the region, voters usually numbered in the dozens as others ignored appeals broadcast by patrolling U.S. soldiers to vote.

But both the violence and the Sunni turnout proved to be the wild cards. After a slow start, growing numbers voted in heavily Sunni districts of the capital, including Khadra, Tunis, and parts of Adhamiyah, residents said. Crowds in Baqubah, a mixed Sunni-Shiite town northeast of Baghdad, gathered with their children before polls opened and waited for tardy election workers as mortar shells detonated in the distance.

In the northern city of Mosul, scene of some of the fiercest fighting in recent months, turnout grew among both Sunni Arabs and ethnic Kurds as intense attacks failed to materialize. In the two weeks before the elections, the United States had increased its troop strength in Mosul by 50 percent, from 8,000 to 12,000, and brought in an additional 4,500 Iraqi security forces.

"God willing, this election will be the nail in the coffin of the terrorists," Abbas Salem, a real-estate agent in Mosul, said after voting.

Across Baghdad, residents who had often placed more credibility in the threats of insurgents than in reassurances by the U.S. military and Iraqi security forces rejoiced at a casualty count that, while dire, was far lower than on some of the

capital's bloodiest days.

"Enough fear," said Najia Abbas, a 46-year-old woman whose family was displaced by fighting in Fallujah.

Along a street in western Baghdad, a man thrust forward his ink-stained finger.

"Whatever they would do, I would still vote," said Hamid Azawi, 57. "Even if I were dead, I would still participate." He hit his chest. "The vote comes from the bottom of my heart."

The election of a 275-member Parliament, local councils in 18 provinces and a legislature in Iraq's Kurdish region involved more than 6,000 organizers who oversaw 140,000 workers and more than 5,000 polling stations. About 14 million people were eligible to vote in Iraq, as well as 1.2 million overseas voters who were allowed to cast ballots in 14 countries. The U.S. government invested heavily in the project but sought to play down its efforts for fear the elections would be seen as an American-engineered process.

Throughout the day, U.S. forces stayed in the background as tens of thousands of Iraqi police officers and soldiers fanned out across towns and cities. For the first time since the fall of Hussein, residents of Baghdad saw Iraqi armor in the streets.

# Ice fishers angle for the big one for a cause

## ICE FISHERS

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All funds and at least one team's winnings benefited the diabetes foundation. Rod Paplow, whose 3-year-old diabetic daughter, Amanda, inspired the event, planned the winter outing with seven of his Pella Corp. co-workers.

"It's all kind of a ramp up to the big walk in Des Moines," Paplow said, noting the Walk to Cure Diabetes, which the organization will hold March 5.

Andy DeAngelo tossed the bluegill into the "lucky" Corona bucket, and the two brothers resumed their positions, often in silence, almost constantly eyeing their lines. Devon DeAngelo said they usually bring a radio, but not today.

"This is serious now," he said. "There's 250 bucks on the line," his brother added.

Armed with a pair of poles, a bucket of minnows, a margarine tub of worms, an ice auger, and an electronic depth finder, the DeAngelos pulled four bluegills and four crappies from the black water, all before 10:30 a.m. Andy DeAngelo said the best times are early morning and late evening because the fish are hungry. Minutes passed without another bite,

and the brothers decided to relocate. Andy DeAngelo set his gear into the green tent-sled and grabbed a crappie from the bucket.

Gripping the fish like a badge, he grinned. "That's gonna get me first place right there."

Devon DeAngelo lugged the tent-sled to a sliding stop on a spot of clear ice, and the pair drilled new holes with the metal, corkscrew-esque auger. This was only one of 10 moves — sometimes returning to previously lucky holes — but without more success. Devon DeAngelo chalked location-scouting up to luck.

"It's just trial and error," he said, shaking his head.

The winners announced, the DeAngelos headed for the parking lot and later to the new Mexican restaurant in their nearby hometown of Grinnell. Andy DeAngelo had hoped that though they only caught eight fish, Team 28 could still snag \$50 and a fourth-place finish. Devon DeAngelo remained buoyant.

His hands in the pockets of his thick black snow pants, he shrugged, smiling.

"No money, no disappointment."

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## STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

# Vilsack picks CEO for Forsyth's spot on regents

## REGENTS

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"It's a three-legged stool: We have an additional \$40 million from the state, \$20 million of reallocation within institutions, and tuition at the median higher-educational price index," Downer said. "If we take away one of those legs, the stool can't stand by itself."

But lawmakers "have every right to ask these questions, and I am intending to spend a considerable amount of time in the legislature to work together to talk about whatever they want to talk about," he said.

Tensions mounting from the contractual dispute between the UI Hospitals and Clinics and insurance provider Wellmark burst early last week, when Forsyth, the company's chairman, resigned as regent president.

With advice from state Attorney General Tom Miller to recuse himself from all UIHC issues, Forsyth resigned, saying regents needed a leader who

wasn't constrained by limitations posed by Miller. Regent David Neil, a former member of Wellmark's board of directors whose term as a regent was winding to a close, also submitted his resignation last week. His replacement is Des Moines businessman Michael Gartner; his nomination and that of Wahlert are pending confirmation by the Iowa Senate.

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NEWS

# Winter ices down Georgia

BY ELLIOTT C. MCLAUGHLIN  
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ATLANTA — More than 168,000 customers had no electricity on Sunday in Georgia as crews worked to repair power lines snapped by an ice storm, and the city's airport reopened all its runways as temperatures rose above freezing.

Two traffic deaths in Georgia and one in South Carolina were blamed on the storm, which spread sleet and freezing rain across parts of the Southeast on Jan. 29.

By Sunday, all four runways at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport were operational again. Only two — and at one point only one — of its four runways were available Jan. 29 as crews labored to scrape off ice.

"There still isn't enough demand to have all four operating, but it's much easier today to maintain four runways," airport spokeswoman Lanii Thomas said, adding that about 300 stranded airline passengers spent the night at the airport because their flights were canceled.

Thick blankets of ice began melting Sunday as temperatures



John Bazemore/Associated Press

Four-year-old Jackson Boyce of Draper, Utah, and his sister Jessica Boyce, 11, nap at the Atlanta International Airport after their flight to Orlando, Fla., was canceled on Jan. 29. Freezing rain and sleet spread sheets of ice across parts of Georgia, canceling hundreds of airline flights.

climbed above freezing. Highs reached the 40s for northern Georgia and the 60s in the southern part of the state.

Even with the improved weather conditions, fewer than 100 departures were scheduled out of the world's busiest passenger airport Sunday morning, Thomas said.

AirTran canceled 33 of its

estimated 500 flights scheduled for Sunday, but the airline expected operations to return to normal by early afternoon, spokesman Tad Hutcheson said.

Delta, which only operated 8 percent of its flights in Atlanta the previous day, planned to offer 70 percent of its normal schedule Sunday, spokesman Anthony Black said.

passengers were killed, said Mark O'Donnell, a spokesman for New York State Police.

The truck driver was outside his rig at the time and died instantly, O'Donnell said. None of the victims' names were released.

The bus was carrying 22 women's hockey players ranging in age from 17 to 20 years old, as well as the players' parents and coaches. The Windsor Wildcats had played a game earlier that day and were on their way to a ski resort.

Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester was expecting 19 patients. A hospital spokeswoman said

five would likely be admitted to intensive care.

"It was a horrible, horrible accident," witness Kim McKenzie told the Evening Tribune of Hornell. "All you could see was a torn-up bus and a banged-up truck."

Authorities closed the highway's southbound lanes after the crash and redirected traffic around the scene.

## CEREMONIAL OATH OF OFFICE

# Rice thanks Bush, family, relatives

*The first black woman secretary of State acknowledged all who helped her in her political pursuits*

BY ANNE GEARAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

Condoleezza Rice laughs during the second day of her confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington on Jan. 19.

WASHINGTON — America's first black woman secretary of State took the ceremonial oath of office on Jan. 28 surrounded by family and friends, some who had traveled from her native Alabama, as well as the president, first lady, and a Supreme Court justice.

Condoleezza Rice's uncle, Alto Ray, and two aunts, Genoa McPhatter and Mattie Bonds, held the Bible for the ceremony in the State Department's formal dining room. Her parents are deceased.

Right after she thanked President Bush and Laura Bush, Rice thanked her family and friends.

"They represent generations of Rices and Rays who believed that a day like this might somehow be possible," she said.

Rice, 50, was born in the segregated South. Her résumé is filled with firsts, including being the youngest provost of Stanford University. She has been Bush's national-security adviser for four years and, as Bush noted on Jan. 28, a family friend.

"Our family has been enriched by our friendship with this remarkable person," Bush said. "We love her," he added. "I don't know if you're supposed to say that about the secretary of State."

It was her second swearing-in. The first was in a private ceremony on Jan. 26 at the White House with White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card officiating.

"Condi has an abiding belief in the power of democracy to secure justice and liberty and the inclusion of men and women of all ethnicities and religions in the courses that

free nations chart for themselves," Bush said.

Rice pledged to use diplomacy to widen the community of democracy. "You have given us our mission, and we are ready to serve our great country and the cause of freedom for which it stands," she said.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a neighbor in Washington's Watergate apartment building, administered the 137-year-old oath on Jan. 28.

Both Bush and Rice paid tribute in their remarks to Colin Powell, who was secretary of State in Bush's first term.

"Colin Powell leaves big shoes to fill at the State Department, but Condi Rice is the right person to fill them," Bush said.

Rice will take her first trip abroad as secretary of State next week. She has several stops in Europe and talks in Israel and the West Bank.

The Middle East visits follow a promise she made to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during her confirmation hearings that she would become personally involved in efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

It will be a brief visit, tucked between European stops and confined to meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders. There are no planned diversions to Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, or Iraq.

The aim is to measure the likelihood of generating momentum to drive Israel and the Palestinians to the peace table.

## NATION

### Bus collides with tractor-trailer, killing 4

GENESEO, N.Y. (AP) — A charter bus collided with a tractor-trailer in western New York on Jan. 29, splitting the bus in half and killing four people.

The bus was carrying members of a Canadian women's youth hockey team when it rear-ended a truck parked on the shoulder of Interstate 390, approximately 27 miles south of Rochester.

The truck driver and three

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# Fed, in 1st 2005 meeting, expected to raise rates

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
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WASHINGTON — First comes the small talk about vacations or family — usually anything but interest rates or the economy. But when Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan enters the room, it's time to get to work.

The decisions made by Greenspan and two dozen colleagues gathered around a 27-foot-long mahogany table can touch millions of consumers, businesses, and investors.

But their discussions aren't broadcast on C-SPAN or other TV channels. They are conducted behind closed doors — ornate wooden doors. (Transcripts are released after five years.)

The massive table with its black granite inlaid top sits beneath a 1,000-pound, brass-and-glass chandelier festooned with dignified eagles and hung from the 23-foot-high ceiling.

At one end of the room is a marble fireplace with a bronze relief of Demeter, Greek goddess of agriculture and a symbol to the Fed of stability and productivity. At the other is a U.S. map, painted in 1937, depicting the Federal Reserve System.

This is the stately setting for eight scheduled meetings each year of the Federal Open Market Committee, which sets interest rate policy in the United States. The Fed's first meeting of 2005 will begin mid-afternoon Tuesday and continue Wednesday morning.

Punctuality is prized. "Early on when I was there, I got some important phone call right at the moment the meeting



A black granite-inlaid 27-foot-long mahogany table dominates the meeting room of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, known as the Fed, in this Jan. 25 photo.

was about to start," said Alice Rivlin, the vice chairwoman of the system's Board of Governors from 1996 through 1999. "So I was a couple of minutes late, walked in, and it had already started. People sort of looked askance. Nobody said anything, but I was very careful not to do it again."

The market committee is made up of the seven board members and five of the Fed's 12 regional bank presidents. Although only five bank presidents vote on policy at any given time, all 12 presidents attend and participate in debates. Several senior aides also sit at the table.

Most economists expect Fed policymakers, in a pre-emptive strike against inflation, to boost a key short-term interest rate by one-quarter percentage point

to 2.50 percent at the February meeting. That would be the sixth increase since the Fed began raising rates in June 2004.

Before the meetings, Fed members mill around and socialize, former Fed officials say. Greenspan usually enters when the meeting is about to begin, often through the door between his office and the boardroom.

"As Greenspan heads to his chair, everybody knows that's a signal — get to your chair. Get ready. The meeting is going to start," remembers former Fed Governor Laurence Meyer. "When the chairman sits down, a green light goes on. The green light signifies that this meeting is being taped ... what you say will be immortalized."

# Tough times made states innovative

*Ailing tax systems, neglected infrastructure, and aging work forces all to blame for some states' financial problems*

BY ROBERT TANNER  
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The financial downturn of the last few years left states with ailing tax systems, neglected infrastructure, and aging work forces, a new nationwide analysis concludes. It also says that many states struggle with basic flaws in their tax systems, bringing their governments too little money to pay for everything from roads to health care to schools.

The silver lining, according to the Government Performance Project released today, was that the fiscal crisis drove many states to become innovative and more efficient. The authors of the report, academics drawn from across the country and journalists at *Governing* magazine, hope that state leaders will share examples of good governance highlighted in the analysis.

"There isn't any state that can't learn from the others," said Don Kettl, a political-science professor at the University of Pennsylvania and the project's academic coordinator. "No state really has everything under control. And different states have different lessons to teach."

The study, a project of the University of Richmond that was funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, an independent, nonpartisan group, awarded letter grades to each state on how it handled finances, personnel, infrastructure, and modern information systems through the downturn, plus an overall grade.

No state failed. Utah and Virginia scored the highest overall, each with an A-minus. Alabama and California scored the worst, each with a C-minus.

The report sought to accentuate the positive and particularly praised:

- Virginia's management of finances, which includes six-year plans. State leaders also have sought to modernize the state's tax system.

- Georgia's handling of personnel. The state considers its work force needs along with operating strategy.

- Utah's work to keep its infrastructure — roads, bridges, government buildings — well-maintained. Future maintenance costs are included in the operating budget for all new construction.

The project leaders plan to speak to state leaders and

other groups about their findings, which will be published in *Governing* magazine and online, and encourage discussion.

"We want these results to be in the hands of decision makers," said Susan Tompkins, project director.

"We're going to travel to the states and talk to anybody that wants to talk to us."

The study tried hard not to generalize and noted that each state's experience was unique, both in the problems faced and the solutions pursued — whether successful or not.

"States are rising to the challenge of what they're facing," Kettl said. "Fifty different states are doing it in 50 different ways."

But several widespread problems emerged, especially "structural deficits" that left many states struggling to bring in enough taxes to provide the revenue that run government.

The problem has been widely acknowledged by state leaders, who have complained that their tax systems are geared to a 1950s manufacturing economy, not a 21st century service- and technology-centered one.

## NATION

### Courtroom spectacle to unfold in Jackson trial

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The child molestation case against Michael Jackson is finally ready for a trial that promises to be like no other.

Jury selection will begin today, with Jackson expected to appear, in a case that has become a symbol of the American obsession with celebrity. Early Sunday, Jackson issued a court-approved video statement on his website, calling recent media leaks in the case "disgusting and false" and predicting that he would be acquitted.

"Please keep an open mind, and let me have my day in court," Jackson said, looking directly into the camera. "I deserve a fair trial like every other American citizen. I will be acquitted

and vindicated when the truth is told." The uphill task of finding jurors who haven't prejudged the case is a mere prelude to a courtroom contest that will include testimony from the boy who accuses the pop icon of molesting him.

On the defense side of court sits a glittering superstar who appears in makeup and theatrical outfits and has millions of fans worldwide who don't believe he could be a pedophile. Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting the cancer patient — then age 13, now 15 — after plying him with alcohol.

On the prosecution side is Jackson's longtime nemesis, a balding, mustachioed Santa Barbara County district attorney. For more than a decade, Tom Sneddon has pursued Jackson and what happens at his Neverland Ranch. Jackson has derided him in song as a "cold man" with a vendetta and likened the case to persecution.

Sneddon, 61, recently asked the judge to stop attacks on his motives. If the defense continues to call the case a crude attempt to "take down a

major celebrity," the prosecution wrote, Sneddon will reveal "everything he knows about this defendant."

Prosecutors have complained that defense lawyer Thomas Mesereau Jr. uses courtroom invective not only to hammer his opponents but also to brand the child witnesses — the accuser and his brother — as liars manipulated by their greedy mother. Mesereau is a tall, imposing man with a mane of white hair, known for winning seemingly hopeless death penalty cases in the South.

The referee is Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville, 63, a veteran of the bench who has refused to tolerate tardiness or even, in one case, a restroom break for the defendant.

At the final pretrial hearing Jan. 28, Melville made it clear that a gag order stands and he won't abide lawyers attacking each other.

"I expect and know that you will, all, on both sides, carry the burden of showing the world what a fine system we have," Melville said.



Jackson accused of child molestation

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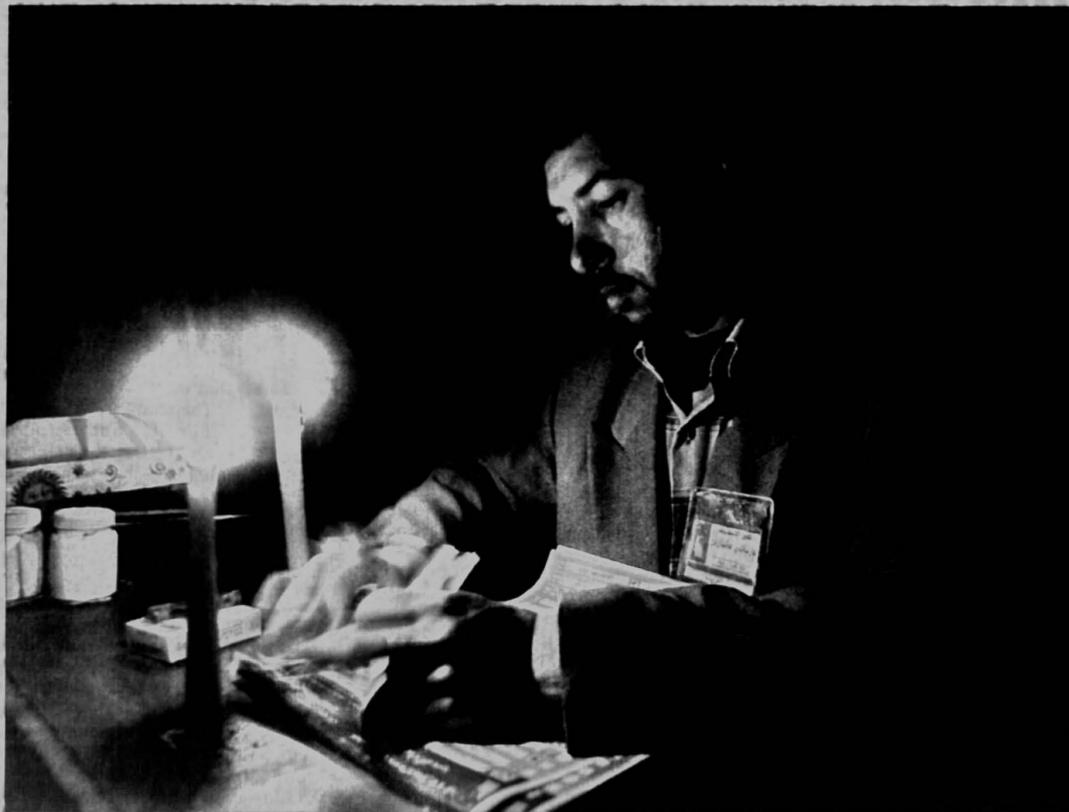
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IRAQI ELECTION



An Iraqi official in a polling station in Az Zubayr on Sunday starts counting ballot papers under candlelight because of a power cut. Andrew Parsons/Associated Press

Bush: Iraqi elections the 'voice of freedom'

*President Bush praises those who voted in the election and called the historic day a success*

BY ANNE GEARAN  
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WASHINGTON — President Bush called Sunday's elections in Iraq a success and promised the United States will continue trying to prepare Iraqis to secure their own country.

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," Bush told reporters at the White House on Sunday, four hours after the polls closed. He did not take questions after his three-minute statement.

Bush praised the bravery of Iraqis who turned out to vote despite continuing violence and intimidation. Bush said voters "firmly rejected the antidemocratic ideology" of terrorists.

Iraqis defied threats of violence and calls for a boycott to cast ballots in their first free election in a half-century Sunday.

Insurgents struck polling stations with a string of suicide bombings and mortar volleys, killing at least 44 people, including nine suicide bombers.

"Some Iraqis were killed while exercising their rights as citizens," Bush said. He also mourned the loss of American and British troops killed Sunday.

Bush cautioned that the election will not end violence in Iraq but said U.S. forces will continue training and helping Iraqis "so this rising democracy can eventually take responsibility for its own security."

In a statement Sunday, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said Bush "must look beyond the election."

"The best way to demonstrate to the Iraqi people that we have no long-term designs on their country is for the administration to withdraw some troops now" and negotiate further withdrawals, Kennedy added.

Earlier Sunday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Iraq will now work to reduce ethnic

or sectarian differences, and the United States will discuss the continued need for outside security forces with the newly elected Iraqi government.

"We all recognize the Iraqis have a long road ahead of them," Rice said on CBS' "Face The Nation."

"The insurgency is not going to go away as a result of today," Rice added.

Rice would not say whether U.S. forces will leave the country in great numbers after the vote, and Bush did not mention any U.S. military withdrawals.

So far, more than 1,400 U.S. troops and many thousands of Iraqis have lost their lives. The United States is spending more than \$1 billion a week in Iraq.

Rice said the election went better than expected but did not elaborate on U.S. predictions for turnout, violence, or other measures.

In Iraq, officials said turnout among the 14 million eligible voters appeared higher than the 57 percent they had predicted. Complete voting results are not expected for days.

Polls were largely deserted all day in many cities of the Sunni Triangle. In Baghdad's mainly Sunni Arab area of Azamiyah, the neighborhood's four polling centers did not open at all, residents said.

A low Sunni turnout could undermine the new government and worsen tensions among the country's ethnic, religious, and cultural groups.

"It is hard to say that something is legitimate when whole portions of the country can't vote and [don't] vote," Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said on NBC's "Meet The Press."

The Bush administration has a great deal riding on the election. Strong turnout and results that the world views as legitimate could speed the departure of American troops.

A stable Iraqi government could help mend alliances frayed by international opposition to the U.S.-led invasion, and Republicans on the ballot in 2006 and 2008 also would be relieved. Success could also buttress Bush's long-term goal to promote democracy across the Middle East, where family dynasties and authoritarian rulers outnumber democracies.

Problems with the election could complicate Bush's foreign policy aims, as well as the success of costly items on his second-term domestic agenda, such as partially privatizing Social Security.

Shiites laud taste of freedom

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASKAN, Iraq — In the "triangle of death," where voting is a life-threatening experience, Karfia Abbasi held up her ink-stained finger, elated that for the first time she has been able to cast a ballot for someone besides Saddam Hussein.

"This is democracy," Abbasi said. "This is the first day I feel freedom."

For U.S. Marines helping guard Sunday's vote, the streams of men and women walking into the gritty polling places of this area south of Baghdad was a payoff more impressive than the toppling of Saddam's statue in the capital during the fall of his regime in April 2003 — less spectacular but tougher to bring off.

"That was a work of triumphs — those are always easy. This is the hard work of democracy now," Lt. Col. Bob Durkin said Sunday morning from a rooftop where Marine marksmen stood watch over voting sites.

"Even my Marines are saying, 'Boy, we're doing a good thing,'" Lt. Col. Vinny Coglianese said in the largely Shiite town of Seddah, where scores of voters lined up outside.

The election for a National Assembly was Iraq's first free vote in more than 50 years, and voters showed up in defiance of insurgents' threats to kill anyone who cast a ballot — a warning that rang especially dire in the collection of towns and villages south of Baghdad.

In the past year, the region has become known as the "triangle of death" for the frequent and deadly ambushes on the roads crossing through it from the capital to the south. Shiites have been particularly at risk in the region, falling victim to shootings and checkpoints set up by Sunni guerrillas.

Dozens of Iraqis were killed in attacks on the elections Sunday — mostly in Baghdad. Just to the southeast, a suicide bomber climbed on a bus full of voters and blew himself up, killing at least four people. But the triangle of death

had no deaths reported in attacks Sunday.

Not that there wasn't violence. The night before the vote, green and red tracer fire and white muzzle blasts lit up parts of the sky in heavy shooting. And in the morning, mortar blasts woke the heavily Shiite town of Musayyib to election day.

In the long stretch before dawn, U.S. troops moved the last concrete bomb barriers and razor-wire streamers into place around polling sites and police stations. They scoured for explosives, sealed off roads and bridges, and ferried last-minute needs — such as metal detectors and the batteries to run them — to election workers.

Daylight brought crowded streets, women's black shrouds billowing side to side as parents walked with their children to schoolhouse polling stations.

"We voted before, but it was not democracy. You had to choose Saddam," said Abbasi, whose finger — like those of all voters — was stained with blue indelible ink to prevent multiple votes.

Abed Hunni, a stooped, whiskered man who walked an hour with his wife to reach a polling site in Musayyib. "God is generous to give us this day," he said.

In the past, "we were all scared of Saddam, but we could only drop the ballots in the boxes. We could do nothing — Saddam would kill us," said Abdullah al-Sedde, an election worker in Musayyib. "Now everyone can vote for anyone."

On past election days, voters showed frenzied adulation but only because Saddam's regime demanded it. Sunday, al-Sedde said, Iraqis showed a more realistic seriousness and purposefulness.

The triangle of death is a religiously mixed area. It was once heavily Shiite, until Saddam years ago encouraged Sunnis loyalists to move there from the north and west.

While many towns here have large shares of Sunni Muslims, all the dozen or so voters questioned in the streets and polling places identified themselves as Shiite.

U.S. FUNDING

U.S. 'lost' \$9 billion given to Iraqi agencies

BY LARRY MARGASAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. occupation authority in Iraq was unable to keep track of nearly \$9 billion it transferred to government ministries, which lacked financial controls, security, communications, and adequate staff, an inspector general has found.

The U.S. officials relied on Iraqi audit agencies to account for the funds, but those offices were not even functioning when the funds were transferred between October 2003 and June 2004, according to an audit by a special U.S. inspector general.

The findings were released Sunday by Stuart Bowen Jr., the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction. Bowen issued several reports on the Coalition Provisional Authority, the U.S. occupation government that ruled Iraq from June 2003 to June 2004.

The official who led the Provisional Authority, L. Paul Bremer III, submitted a blistering, written reply to the findings, saying the report had "many misconceptions and inaccuracies," and lacked professional judgment.

Bremer complained the report "assumes that Western-style budgeting and accounting procedures could be immediately and fully implemented in the

midst of a war."

The inspector general said the occupying agency disbursed \$8.8 billion to Iraqi ministries "without assurance the moneys were properly accounted for."

U.S. officials, the report said, "did not establish or implement sufficient managerial, financial, and contractual controls." There was no way to verify that the money was used for its intended purposes of financing humanitarian needs, economic reconstruction, repair of facilities, disarmament, and civil administration.

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# Oil prices to stay high

BY MATT MOORE  
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VIENNA, Austria — Consumers received no solace from OPEC, which said on Sunday that oil prices near \$50 per barrel would remain that high through the spring, even as the cartel decided to keep its production ceiling unchanged.

The decision, reached at a truncated meeting of the 11-nation group, means that consumers worried about the price of winter heating oil and gasoline will likely see no relief in their bills or costs at the pump.

OPEC's current quota of 27 million barrels a day was set in December, when the group agreed to shave output by 1 million barrels. But the 10 members of the group subject to the quota — Iraq is not bound by a limit — have been overproducing by a total of 500,000 barrels daily.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Fahd al-Ahmad al-Sabah, who leads the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said he was given permission to conduct a telephone meeting before the next gathering March 16 in Iran to address output if market conditions warrant.

Al-Sabah said prices have been driven higher amid fears of a cold winter in Europe and North America, where demand for heating oil is high. He said OPEC's decision was aimed at bringing more

stability to the market and called on consumers and producers to "walk together ... for prices to be acceptable."

"Although there is no shortage of supply, the stocks have been built up and continue to be built up," he said. "High prices led OPEC to arrive at the decision in the interest of stability and in the interest of the consumer, who likes to have stability in prices."

The group also decided to temporarily suspend its price band of \$22 to \$28 a barrel, which was set in March 2000 and has largely been ignored since last year.

OPEC's output decision also was a signal that it doesn't believe that higher prices for its oil to fuel development in Asia, particularly in China and Asia, will cause any slowdowns.

"We think the high price will not affect the global economy," al-Sabah said. "There won't be a strong negative for the economy."

OPEC, which accounts for one-third of the world's oil supply, is seeking to keep its buyers — and their consumers — from becoming jittery that prices could resume their climb. Light sweet crude on the New York Mercantile Exchange hit a record \$55.17 per barrel in late October and closed at \$47.18 a barrel on Jan. 28.

Consumers won't see higher prices as a result of OPEC's decision unless demand



Ronald Zak/Associated Press

OPEC Secretary General Ahmad Fahd al-Ahmad al-Sabah of Kuwait speaks to journalists during a press conference Sunday at OPEC headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

surges in the coming weeks, said William R. Edwards, of Texas-based Edwards Energy Consultants.

He said the move to keep the ceiling the same didn't address the bigger issue of making sure the refining capacity is taken care of adequately. With-

out additional refining capacity, he added, OPEC oil can't be processed into gasoline or heating oil.

Al-Sabah said any indicators on where the price band for OPEC's reference basket of seven crudes should go would come later in the year.

# Sudan denies reports of bombing

Governor of North Darfur state says report of bombing was fake and fabricated by foreigners

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KHARTOUM, Sudan — The governor of North Darfur state said reports that a Sudanese government plane bombed villagers last week were fabricated by foreigners, according to the official news agency Sunday.

Darfur rebels appealed Sunday to the African Union, which has truce monitors in the western region, to send more troops to stop government forces from attacking civilians. The request came as African leaders met in Nigeria to discuss ways of tackling conflicts, poverty, and disease.

The United Nations, citing African Union observers at the scene, said on Jan. 28 that the Sudanese air force bombed civilians in the village of Shangil Tobaya in North Darfur state, killing or wounding nearly 100 people. U.N. officials said it was one of the most serious violations of a cease-fire signed last year by the government and Darfur rebels.

Osman Mohamed Yusuf Kibir, the governor of North Darfur state, denied the allegations in a statement carried by the Sudan News Agency.

"We personally went there ... and the people in the area were surprised as to the lies diffused by the organizations and the Western media," he was quoted as saying.

Aid workers based in Shangil Tobaya, 40 miles south of El Fasher, said they saw bombs exploding on the ground on Jan. 26 and an air force Antonov circling overhead. Later that day, the African Union, which has 1,400 cease-fire monitors and protection troops in Darfur, confirmed the bombing, calling it a "major violation" of the truce.

The Sudanese government often has been accused of employing its air force against civilians in Darfur, and it usually denies the allegations. However, it is rare an air strike is confirmed by the African Union.

Fighting in the area around Shangil Tobaya has displaced more than 10,000 people during the past two weeks, according to U.N. figures. The violence has been a blow to hopes that the momentum from a peace accord in a separate Sudan conflict could help produce a settlement in Darfur.

On Jan. 9, the Khartoum-based government signed a peace agreement with the Sudan People's Liberation Army to end 22 years of civil war in southern Sudan.

The Darfur conflict, which the United Nations describes as the world's worst humanitarian crisis, began in February 2003 when the Sudan Liberation Army and allied Justice and Equality Movement took up arms against what they saw as years of state neglect and discrimination against Sudanese of African origin.

The government responded with a counterinsurgency campaign in which the Janjaweed, an Arab militia, committed wide-scale abuses against the African population. An estimated 1.8 million people have been displaced in the conflict and more than 70,000 have died.

U.S. diplomats at the United Nations in New York said this week that they would be making proposals to the Security Council to bring to justice the perpetrators of atrocities in Darfur.

# Palestinians prepare to resume control of four towns in West Bank

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian police commanders began preparations Sunday to take control of four West Bank towns by midweek after top Israeli and Palestinian officials agreed on a security plan for the West Bank.

Transfer of the towns' control would be the first large-scale Israeli move on the ground to acknowledge that violence has decreased significantly since Palestinians elected Mahmoud Abbas to replace the late Yasser Arafat as their leader Jan. 9.

If the calm holds, Israel promises to move all its troops back to positions they held before the latest Palestinian uprising began in September 2000, turning the populated areas of the West Bank back to Palestinian

control and making a major step toward resuming peace talks.

In another significant move, an Israeli official said amnesty would be granted for fugitive Palestinians in the West Bank, ending Israel's relentless search for dozens of extremists suspected in attacks on Israelis. In more than four years of conflict, dozens of militants have been killed in Israeli raids and many more have been arrested.

The amnesty would allow Abbas to fulfill a key campaign pledge that fugitives would be allowed to reintegrate into Palestinian society without fear of Israeli reprisal.

Meanwhile, more than 100,000 Jewish settlers and their backers demonstrated Sunday night in Jerusalem against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate all 21 Gaza settlements and four West Bank outposts this summer.

The protesters demanded a referendum on the plan, but Sharon has rejected that as a delaying tactic, and he appears to have the political muscle to push the plan through. In all, 8,500 settlers stand to be displaced.

"Ariel Sharon, you have no mandate to expel Jews," said Effie Eitam, a pro-settler lawmaker who spoke to the crowd. The demonstrators pledged to go to Gaza to block the pullout.

Palestinian officials say Abbas and Sharon have agreed to meet for the first time since 2003, when Abbas was prime minister. It would be the first meeting between an Israeli premier and a Palestinian leader since 2000, when Arafat sat down with then-Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

Feb. 8 was emerging as the date for the summit, which would be two days after

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is scheduled to arrive in the region.

Both sides appear eager to put four years of violence behind them, but the bloodshed has frayed trust. Each side has qualified its declarations about bringing peace by saying that progress depends on the actions of the other side, and it is clear the atmosphere could sour quickly if there is a serious

Palestinian attack or Israeli military strike.

Israel's Channel Two TV showed video Sunday of an advanced radar tracking system being installed next to Gaza to monitor incoming rockets heading for Sderot, a much-battered Israeli town. The radar is part of a joint Israeli-U.S. system intended to destroy small rockets with laser beams.

Abbas arrived in Moscow on Sunday for an official visit as part of his first foreign trip since his election. He was expected to meet with President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Monday, Palestinians said.

Russia, a Cold War supporter of the Palestinians, is one of the powers behind the "road map" peace plan but has traditionally played a secondary role to Washington in Mideast peacemaking.

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## Social Security rhetoric

Examples why responsible politicians are discouraged from confronting the problems

The chairman of the Democratic National Committee has many talents, chief among them the ability to separate donors from their money, but no one's ever mistaken Terence R. McAuliffe for a policy wonk. And for good reason: McAuliffe's recent foray into the weeds of the Social Security debate was the kind of ill-informed demagoguery that discourages responsible politicians from confronting the problem.

McAuliffe worked himself in a lather over comments by Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the compulsively provocative House Ways and Means chairman. Thomas' sin was pointing out that women generally live longer than men and blacks have shorter life spans; both of these phenomena, he suggested, should be considered as the Social Security debate unfolds.

For example, Thomas said, "Women are living longer relative to men today than they were in 1940. Yet, we never ever have debated gender-adjusting Social Security ... But, at some point if the age difference continues to separate and more women are in the workforce ... somebody might want to suggest that we need to take a look at the question ..." Asked about those comments on NBC's "Meet the Press," Thomas said, "It's not that you would do it; it's something that you need to look at." Likewise, he said, "We also need to examine, frankly ... the question of race in terms of how many years of retirement do you get based upon your race?"

McAuliffe unleashed a torrent of press releases and held a conference call with reporters to accuse Thomas of "attacking race and gender." He flogged the issue again after President Bush — in response to a question about a completely different aspect of Thomas' recent pronouncements — praised the chairman for "thinking creatively." Thundered McAuliffe, "It was wrong

for Chairman Thomas to suggest that Social Security benefits be determined by race or gender and even more disgraceful that President Bush missed this opportunity to denounce these outrageous ideas." McAuliffe-watchers won't be surprised to learn that the DNC also ginned up a fund-raising e-mail and petition signatures "calling on Bush to disavow the notion of tying Social Security benefits to race or gender."

Thomas, as is his tendency, went a step too far. To reduce women's benefits because they live longer would worsen the already perilous situation of many elderly women, whose Social Security checks are already lower on average because they have fewer years in the workforce and earn less when they are working. But Thomas, after all, didn't endorse this approach; he said only that the Social Security debate ought to include a discussion of "who gets what, when, and how."

That is exactly the conversation the country should be having. Supporters of private accounts for Social Security claim they would benefit blacks because their shorter average life spans mean they get a lower rate of return on the money they put into the system.

Those on the other side contend that the progressive structure of the existing system helps blacks, who also are more likely to collect disability benefits, another important component of the program.

These factors and equally complex arguments about women and Social Security should be considered in the forthcoming debate. Mau-mauing from the likes of McAuliffe may score political points, but only at the expense of productive discussion.

This editorial appeared in the *Washington Post*.

## News of the world

### DOES WATCHING TELEVISION count as reading?

Is there a substantive difference for our brains between the two? If there is, does it hinge on our contemporary perception of reading — silent, solitary — and what has previously counted as reading — someone reading aloud to a group?

I'm wondering now, because I don't watch television, and I'm feeling isolated. Reading a magazine, I'm never going to call my mother up and say, "Quick, quick, Mama, turn to page XXI and look at that tsunami spread! Look at it! Oh, God. All those people. Mama!" Never.

Especially never, if I'm reading it three weeks late.

I kind of holed up after Christmas, reading novels. Immersed in *Winter Tides* (very bad), *Crow Lake* (rather good), and, for the second time, *The Botany of Desire* (not a novel but incredibly delicious), the news went right over my head. I heard about the tsunami a day or so after it happened, but I didn't learn anything in-depth about it until after term began, when I started catching up on the unread magazines loitering around my house.

I have now, it's safe to say, read quite a lot about it. But I haven't seen it, not in video, and I can't stop thinking that there's something crucial there. Some gap.

It's bugging me. Mostly, I don't regret my information-intake choices. Television news is too concerned with summarizing the story in 15 seconds to do nuanced analysis or riling up ratings by baiting guests with wildly divergent views into taking it outside, so to speak, intellectually. That sort of thing pisses the smeg out of me, so I avoid it.

Radio news I catch when working in the studios, and while that does turn social with some friends, most people I know get most of their news from television.

And the distance I'm perceiving between reading about the tsunami and watching it, well, I'm having a crisis of faith. I feel like a mime. I'm sitting here in the basement, Bach going at full volume, and feeling like a god-damned mime. In a box. If I try to write about the tensions in Aceh or contaminated drinking water, is all you get a picture of white-faced, beret-clad me doing the Wave in a transparent, self-established box? A picture of me, leading a troupe of 76 choreographed mimes doing the Wave? Have you heard it all, from television saturation, or has the 30 seconds allotted to feature stories not covered anything other than the death toll?

And what about the other things going on in the world? Just the other day I was dozing, and suddenly lurched awake — South America? What's been going on in South America lately? Did it fall off the globe? Haiti? What about Haiti? Have all of you been hearing numerous 15 seconds spots about them, more than the nothing my news sources have been providing? Or has there just been a mainstream-media blackout on these regions? What about the Sudanese government bombing a village in Darfur?

Have you heard that political columnists were hired to promote various administration programs? None of them — not Michael McManus, Armstrong Williams, or Maggie Gallagher — disclosed those payments in their columns. (Isn't government control of the media supposed to happen only in Russia?) And RNC Chairman Ken Mehlman, Bush's 2004 campaign manager, just sent out a fund-raising letter wheeling donors to help the conservative message get past the "liberal media filter." Obviously, somebody left him out of the loop.

And I'm feeling much the same, wondering if there's enough shared ground between what (and how) the various news media cover for my column to be worth your time. Maybe I should get cable.

I hate cable. It eats my brain. Whether or not there's a difference in how we actually process watching versus reading, (or historic reading habits versus contemporary ones), those activities function differently in my life, and not just in their sociality. I can keep my literary diet healthy-ish by keeping crap off my shelves. Cable, on the other hand, is a library stocked full with peers of *The Billionaire's Pregnant Mistress*: I know too much is bad for me, but I just can't stop. ■



ALLISON HEADLY

### LETTERS



Laura Bush

#### Laura Bush and education

I am writing to contest some statements made by Brittany Shoot in her latest column ("Equal opportunity," *DI*, Jan. 27).

Shoot seems to think that the Laura Bush's only accomplishment is "marrying [her] way to the top." She also laments that Bush "didn't consider the hard facts in full" when expressing concern over the inequality between the percentage of women and men who earn college bachelor's degrees.

All one has to do is log on to [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) to read that the first lady has a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in library science. These degrees make her very much qualified to speak about education. As a former librarian, she also knows a thing or two about fact-checking. My favorite fact about her is that she spends much of her time promoting the value of reading to the general populace.

I for one have learned much about myself and the world around me just by reading on my own time. This knowledge will be just as important, probably more important, than anything I learned in a college classroom. Education should be about more than getting a job. Why should a person get a job? Why should a person live a certain way or believe certain things rather than others? Does what I do really matter at all in the grand scheme of things? As a physics major, I used to think that physics explained everything. Self-education taught me that physics is only one interesting part of the grand reality in which we humans live.

As college curricula become more specialized and diluted, students are not gaining important knowledge necessary for seeing the world as it really is. I encourage everyone to pick up a challenging book (or even take a philosophy class or two). It could change your life for the better.

Philip Kopp  
UI student

#### Real facts about males and education

In her column, Brittany Shoot criticized Laura Bush for failing to "consider the hard facts in full" before suggesting that America should be concerned about the fate of its boys.

However, Shoot is the one who should have considered the facts more carefully. The hard facts in full:

- While women outnumbered men in the total population in 2000, among adults age 18-24 (i.e., adults of "college age"), men actually outnumbered women 13.9 million to 13.3 million. Therefore, when you do the math, women should not necessarily be attending college in greater numbers than men.

- In 2004, the number of females taking both the ACT and SAT was greater than the number of males taking these exams, despite the fact that males outnumber females in the 15-19 age range, according to census data from 2003.

- Moreover, in 2002, 12 percent of males age 16-24 were counted as high-school dropouts, while 9 percent of females were dropouts.

- And at the end of the year 2003, 93 percent of all prison inmates were male.

While it may not be politically correct to suggest that American boys may deserve a little help, such a suggestion is factually correct.

Todd Crites  
Iowa City resident

#### Licenses help illegal immigrants freeload

After reading a recent guest opinion, "Driver's licenses necessary for illegal immigrants, too," (*DI*, Jan. 27), I had only two questions on my mind for the writers of this piece: What were they on, and where could I find this magical drug that makes one so oblivious to reality?

They make a case for allowing illegal immigrants to drive legally by saying that "these 'illegal' families depend on driving their cars to work and to take their children to school or to the doctor, among other essential functions" but say that "the conclusion that illegal immigrants should not be allowed to obtain driver's licenses runs counter to the best interests of Iowa and its residents" and that "it is laughable to suggest that 'to grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants is tantamount to legitimizing their residence in this country and state.'"

So they are saying that, while illegal immigrants are working here illegally, taking jobs away from Iowa citizens, and benefiting from education and health care

without paying taxes like the rest of us, we should give them the right to a driver's license, thereby making it easier for them to sponge off of the system, and that this would be a good thing for Iowans?

And supposedly, this would not be legitimizing their presence here at all by making them "registered" illegal immigrants. Can we say "oxymoron"?

But in all fairness, I can see one benefit to "registering" our illegal immigrants: U.S. immigration will know where to look for them.

Angela Brockett  
UI student



Steve Alford

#### Get rid of Alford

As an alum, I have traveled to bowl games, made it to the last three Homecomings, and dragged many a non-Hawkeye to watch games on television around Chicago. I love college basketball. However, I no longer consider myself an Iowa basketball fan. There is a simple reason: Steve Alford.

Tom Davis, the former Hawkeye basketball coach, was a brilliant man whom students felt they could respect. During my freshman year, I lived down the hall from Jess Settles, a former Hawkeye basketball player. He was not only a great player, he was also a dean's-list student and a genuinely nice guy.

The Hawkeyes made the tournament nearly every year, including two trips to the Sweet Sixteen.

Under the management of Alford, the Hawks continue to grace the NIT (Not-Invited-Tournament), and we have a rapist as our leading scorer. The recent loss to

Northwestern marked a brand-new low: three losses in a row to Northwestern. Northwestern!

I am sickened to watch yet another good season start frittered away by poor game calling. I will not spend another dime on Iowa basketball until Alford is gone. Frankly, his tenure is enough to make me feel some shame to be a Hawkeye.

David Wampach  
Chicago resident, UI graduate

#### Abolitionism, animal rights not comparable

If rights are legal protections extended to individuals because they are equal members of society, then animals by definition do not have "rights." Being sentient does not endow an animal with social or political equality to humans.

That does not mean we can be insensitive to animal welfare. I may violate my pet cats' "rights" by having them surgically neutered and by confining them in my house. I am protecting their welfare by not exposing them to traffic, larger predators, and parasites.

I made those choices for my cats because they lack the cognitive ability to make and articulate such choices for themselves.

Comparing animal-rights activism to 19th-century abolitionism fails on two counts. First, American blacks actively resisted enslavement. Frederick Douglass "stole" himself from his master and became a leader in the movement. How many lab rats does the Animal Liberation Front count among its membership?

Second, that analogy comes dangerously close to likening blacks to animals by implying that both are passive victims of oppression who need to be liberated by crusaders.

The analogy is implicitly racist and ignores the history of black struggle.

If the vandalism at Spence Laboratories is defensible, do animal-rights advocates also applaud anti-abortion activists who vandalize women's clinics?

Anti-abortion activists and animal-rights activists both claim to speak for voiceless victims by restricting our choices.

I choose to eat meat and wear leather and wool. Vegans and vegetarians choose not to. Their choice is not a progressive political statement. It is simply a lifestyle decision.

Jeff Klinzman  
Coralville resident

### ON THE SPOT

What do you think about Sammy Sosa leaving the Chicago Cubs?



"I'm surprised. I'm genuinely surprised."

Ryan Roerman  
UI senior



"I'm a Cubs fan, not a Sammy fan."

Kurt Vlodek  
UI senior



"The Cubs never deserved him in the first place."

Alex Rediger  
UI graduate student



"If we had done it earlier, the trade might have been more beneficial."

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## Really keeping it real



### ALBUM REVIEW

Prolyphic  
*An Alarm Clock Set for 9:01*

BY SCOTT MCCALLUM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

After reading all the cliché "best of" lists that are inherent with the passing of another year, you may be left wondering what happened to all the other albums that were released over the past 12 months. More importantly, you may be left bewildered after seeing what some critics, and so called music aficionados, have left off their lists.

In early May, Duck Soup Records released its very first record by a little known MC from Rhode Island that failed to make an impression on the masses.

Prolyphic's *An Alarm Clock Set For 9:01* is a brilliant display of what can happen to hip-hop left untouched by passing trends. Injecting reality into a scene that claims to "keep it real" but rarely does, Prolyphic provides us with an album that should stand the test of time.

Images of truth flourish throughout the songs, brought to life by the poetic musings of the MC — truth, referring to the everyday activities of average people, not some thugged-out suburban kid claiming to be an O.G. (original gangsta, for those not versed in hip-hop terminology). Prolyphic describes problems that are universally felt with

the articulation of a scholar and the rhythmic prose of a poet twice his age. He strays from the usual topics one can find on a hip-hop album. Songs deal with the seemingly mundane existence of working a 9 to 5, the struggle between growing up or growing older, superficiality, and dealing with an ex. Males questioning their sexuality needn't worry — Prolyphic throws in several blatant battle raps to round out the album.

Lyrics dealing with the challenges of survival need to be backed by beats that reflect those challenges, and the album succeeds in this aspect as well. Beats are mostly slow, heavy, melodic affairs that complement Prolyphic's dialogue flawlessly.

Heavy bass, tight drum loops, and jazzy horn, string, and piano samples create an almost dream-like soundtrack for the MC's discourse.

Like a dark, opium-smoke-filled lounge, the sound is definitely laid back. Production is credited to Bles, Joe Beats, Sunspark, and Prolyphic, with 13 tracks being produced by the artist himself.

In fact, the only drawback the album has is the seemingly endless melancholy that pervades every song. A couple of the songs are faster than others, but sometimes you're left wanting to hear Prolyphic spit over a beat that will make you move your feet instead of just nod your head.

Weighing in at 17 tracks long, the album is a virtual stroll through the sometimes messy terrain that is human existence. Four of the songs are merely beats, but those beats are well produced and do not distract from the album in the least. *Alarm Clock* is a superb display of intrinsic hip-hop showcasing the world of Prolyphic and the beautiful depression in which he dwells.

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After selling a script for *The Boondock Saints*, Troy Duffy began an odyssey of self-destruction complete with "burnt bridges, resentment, delusion, and macho masochism."

## When dreams come true overnight



### FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

#### Overnight

When:

Today and Wednesday at 9 p.m.,  
Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Where:

Bijou

★★★ out of ★★★★★

Todd Fossey, the co-producer of *Overnight*, appeared for a Q&A session at the Bijou after the Jan. 27 screening and called the new documentary "a film about

intoxication."

The film is about intoxication on many levels, actually, but mostly regarding how the main character, Troy Duffy, nearly asphyxiates from the addictive fumes of his fleeting success.

If that name doesn't ring a bell, Duffy is the chain-smoking, hard-drinking writer-director of *The Boondock Saints* (1999) — an atrocious *Pulp Fiction* (1994) rip-off that was made fast and cheap, yet somehow developed a substantial cult following upon its DVD release. *Overnight*, directed by Tony Montana and Mark Brian Smith, documents Duffy's rags-to-riches-to-rags story as he turns from blue-collar bartender to independent filmmaker, well, overnight.

When Harvey Weinstein, the biggie Miramax producer, buys the script for *Saints*,

Duffy's obnoxious ego kicks into high gear. And so begins the man's odyssey of self-destruction. Like any cautionary tale, the prospects of fame and fortune become all-consuming obsessions, and Duffy's Tasmanian devil personality spins into a cacophonous tempest of burnt bridges, resentment, delusion, and macho masochism.

Duffy also hopes to pilot the success of his amateur rock band, the Brood, in conjunction with his film career. Both professions, as the film points out, gradually fade to black faster than Duffy could have ever expected. Miramax dumps *Saints*, and Maverick Records gives the band the cold shoulder. Only thanks to Franchise Films could Duffy's foul-mouthed, ultra-violent crime opus even get off the ground.

*Overnight* is a sad, fascinating, and oftentimes very entertaining look at dreams come true and the inevitable nightmares that follow. Duffy seems so crude, so raving, and so thoroughly unlikable that it's sometimes difficult to sit through repetitive scenes of his violent fall from grace. Nevertheless, the journey is a compelling one.

The film also acts as a critique of the ruthless show-business establishment, which comes off just as repellant as the boorish Duffy — but in a completely different way. One can't deny that this ambitious documentary is a bit uneven and unfocused at times. But, after the crash and burn of this hopelessly idealistic man, this film provides a little illumination into the smoking wreckage.

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## ARTS

### Forty Shades of Blue, Why We Fight earn Sundance honors

The family drama *Forty Shades of Blue*, centering on a modern Oedipal triangle involving a music producer, a Russian wife half his age, and his son, won top dramatic honors at the Sundance Film Festival.

*Why We Fight*, examining the chronically militant stance of the United States over the last half century, took Sundance's grand-jury

prize for documentaries.

Awards were presented on Jan. 29, with top winners screening one last time on Sunday as the 11-day independent-film showcase ended in Park City, Utah.

Directed and co-written by Ira Sachs, *Forty Shades of Blue* stars Rip Torn as

the aging husband, Dina Korzun as his Russian bride, and Darren Burrows as the estranged son whose visit hurls their lives into turmoil.

*Why We Fight* was directed by Eugene Jarecki, the brother of Andrew Jarecki, whose *Capturing the Friedmans* won the Sundance

documentary prize in 2003.

The audience award for dramatic films, chosen in voting by Sundance film-goers, went to *Hustle & Flow*, the tale of a two-bit pimp and drug-dealer (Terrence Howard) who enlists an odd assortment of allies in a bid to break into the hip-hop music scene.



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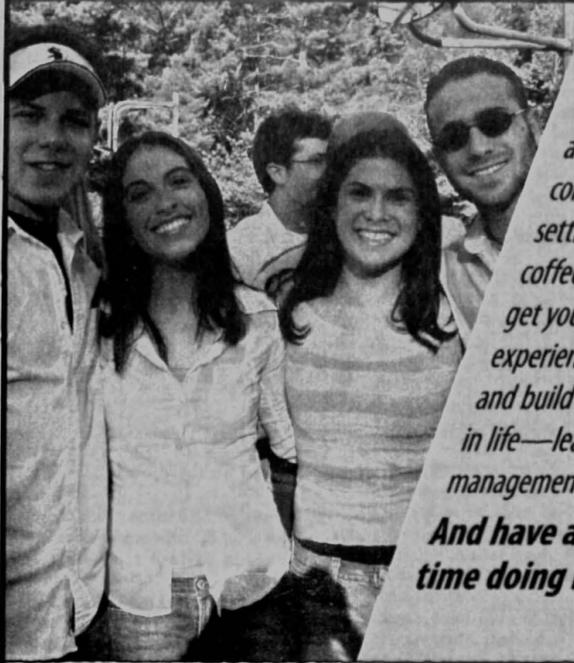
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## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

### Safin beats Hewitt for second Grand Slam title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Marat Safin just needed a little time to get loosened up against Lleyton Hewitt in the Australian Open final.

And once he overcame a terrible start and put his game on track, Safin proved unstoppable, winning in four sets Sunday night and deflating a crowd hungering for an Australian to win this event.

Safin won his second Grand Slam title and his first in five years, with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory that helped make up for two finals losses in the Russian's last three appearances on Melbourne Park's hard courts.

"It's really difficult to believe it," he said, looking at the winner's trophy. "You need to get to your room, sit down, and believe this is yours."

Hewitt was trying to become the first Aussie man to win the Australian Open since Mark Edmondson in 1976, when the tournament was played on grass at Kooyong.

## MEN'S B-BALL

### Purdue hands Michigan fourth-straight loss

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Matt Kiefer had 21 points and eight rebounds, and Carl Landry scored 19 as Purdue snapped a seven-game losing streak, beating Michigan, 84-55, on Sunday afternoon.

Brandon McKnight had 18 points, and David Teague added 14 points and seven assists for the Boilermakers (5-13, 1-6 Big Ten), who avoided their worst start in the conference since the 1962-63 season.

Chris Hunter and Graham Brown each had 11 points, and Dion Harris scored eight for Michigan (12-9, 3-4), which lost its fourth-consecutive game after winning six in a row.

The Wolverines, who started the Big Ten season 3-0, were playing their second-straight game without starting point guard Daniel Horton, who was suspended from the team indefinitely after being charged with misdemeanor domestic violence.

The Boilermakers took advantage of the short-handed Wolverines, jumping out to an 8-2 lead after a McKnight steal and lay-up.

## WOMEN'S HOOPS

### Duke women survives N.C. State

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Three games against ranked opponents in one week is a tough test, particularly for a team with only eight players.

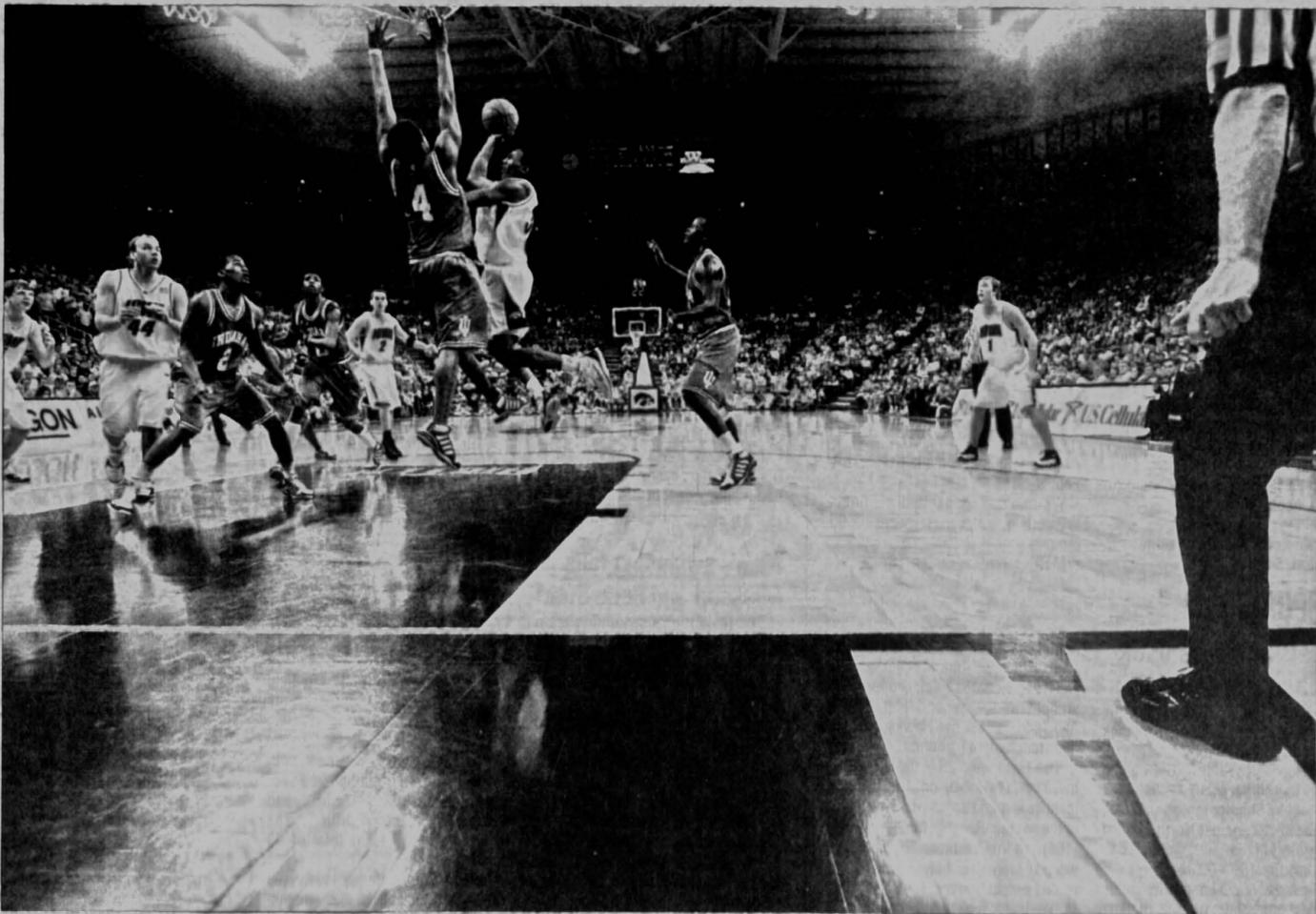
A close victory Sunday likely won't be enough to help Duke escape the challenging stretch with its No. 1 ranking intact.

Monique Currie converted a go-ahead three-point play with 38 seconds left and finished with 18 points, leading the Blue Devils past No. 25 North Carolina State, 52-49. Marquetta Dickens missed a 3-pointer just before the buzzer that would have tied it for the Wolfpack.

"It was a battle from the get-go, and I told my team that I'm just very proud," Blue Devils coach Gail Goetsenkos said. "This was not a pretty game, but you just have to grind it out."

## NO. 23 IOWA (15-5, 3-4), 72 VS. INDIANA (9-9, 4-3), 57

NEXT UP: SATURDAY, AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE, AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, 1:32 P.M., ESPN



Iowa's Pierre Pierce takes on Indiana's Bracey Wright during the second half of the Hawkeyes' 72-57 win over the Hoosiers on Jan. 29 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Pierce led the team in scoring with 25 points; he also had five steals.

Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

# HAWKS BREEZE PAST HOOSIERS

After last week's disappointing overtime loss to Northwestern, Alford benched four starters, including tri-captains Horner, Brunner, and Pierce in order to get a better response from the team

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A new lineup, and more importantly a new message, produced a new result for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Iowa coach Steve Alford benched four starters — including tri-captains Jeff Horner, Greg Brunner, and Pierre Pierce — because of a meltdown last week at Northwestern when the Hawkeyes fell in overtime.

Memo received. The 23-ranked Hawkeyes breezed past Indiana, 72-57, on Jan. 29 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena behind Pierce's 25 points and double-figures from Horner and Brunner.

"I just felt like those three individuals needed some consequences, because they're no different from the rest of the team," said Alford, who put the trio in 2:30 into the game. "I think all

three of them responded the way I thought they would respond."

The three juniors had each started at least 30-straight games before being benched, and Horner had started all 79 previous games of his Hawkeye career.

"I can't even remember," Horner said on the last time he was on the bench for a tip-off. "I don't know if I've ever not started, but that's what Coach wanted, and we had to respond."

Horner scored 16 points on 4-of-6 shooting from 3-point territory, adding nine assists and turning the ball over just once. Brunner chipped in 13 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Iowa (15-5, 3-4) led the Hoosiers for all but the first five minutes of the game but didn't pull away until the six-minute mark in the second half. Following a Brunner missed free throw, Adam Haluska sneaked in, grabbed the rebound, and

kicked it out to Horner for a 3-pointer to extend Iowa's lead to 56-46.

The next time down the court, Horner led a fast break and lofted an alley-oop to Doug Thomas for a two-handed slam. Thomas had another dunk a minute later, giving the Hawkeyes a 62-50 advantage with 4:48 remaining.

Indiana (9-9, 4-3) struggled from outside, hitting just 3-of-14 shots from beyond the arc — ultimately costing the Hoosiers any chance of getting back into the game.

Freshman center D.J. White led the Hoosiers with 23 points but made just 6-of-17 shots from the field.

"That's the mystery of it — we're just missing wide-open shots," Indiana coach Mike Davis said. "We didn't play with enough enthusiasm. We did a

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## MESSAGE RECEIVED

BY NICK RICHARDS  
THE DAILY IOWAN



NICK RICHARDS

The healing process is complete.

After the Hawkeyes wilted to the Wildcats on Jan. 26, Alford's Army received just what the doctor ordered on Jan. 29 in Iowa's 72-57 win over Indiana. After the debacle that was the Jan. 26 heartbreak in Evanston, a win over the Hoosiers couldn't have come at a better time for Alford and the Hawkeyes.

Going into the final three minutes of the Jan. 29 game, however, if you had been paying attention to the parallels between Indiana and Northwestern, and you had to be nervous.

"As fate would have it, the last media time-out, there's 3:11 on the clock, plus-12, and that's almost 'verbatim' to what happened in Evanston," Iowa coach Steve Alford said of the nearly identical situations between the games. "To be able to respond in a positive way was very good for this team, and we're going to need some momentum. We're going to need some confidence going into next week. We've got an outstanding team coming in here next Saturday."

This time, Iowa did not collapse under the pressure. Instead of turning the ball over on a 10-second violation or traveling in the last two

minutes, Iowa calmly broke Indiana's press and ran down precious clock.

SEE INDIANA GAME, PAGE 3B

## Recent budget cuts may not lead to elimination of a sport

BY JANE SLUSARK  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa Athletics Director Bob Bowsby said Sunday that the recent \$250,000 cut to his budget will not necessarily force the department to eliminate a sport, despite having previously said a significant funding reduction would endanger one of the university's 24 varsity sports.

Instead, he said the department will focus on shaving travel

expenses and raising ticket prices, spreading the budget shortfalls over several different sports programs. Another possible budget-cutting measure is to permanently unify the men and women's swimming teams under one coach, splitting the coaching staff when the teams compete simultaneously against different opponents.

"We take a hundred different things into account — how we manage events and also insurance," Bowsby said.

In the extreme case that one of the varsity programs gets cut, the first to go would probably be a men's nonrevenue sport; nationally, such programs have suffered a considerable number of cutbacks in recent years. Iowa State University, for instance, was forced to cut men's baseball and swimming during the 2001-02 academic year.

Iowa's cut, approved by President David Skorton, was part of a campuswide \$2 million budget

reduction from the university's general-education fund announced last week and effective July 1.

Marc Long, the Hawkeye interim head coach of men's and women's swimming, said he does not feel that his sport is threatened, and he has not heard from Bowsby about any anticipated cutbacks.

"Nationally, we have seen the sport cut back," Long said. "But

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## ATHLETICS FUNDING

Iowa's athletics cut of \$250,000 was part of a campuswide \$2 million budget reduction

Iowa Athletics Director Bob Bowsby's possible actions:

- Focus on shaving travel expenses and raising ticket prices
- Permanently unify the men and women's swimming teams under one coach

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Penn State at Michigan	
Illinois at Purdue	
Northwestern at Michigan State	

IOWA SPORTS

- Thursday**
- Women's basketball at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
- Friday**
- Women's tennis at Nebraska, 2 p.m.
  - Men's swimming vs. Northwestern, Ohio State in Evanston, Ill., 5 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Penn State, 6 p.m.
  - Men's gymnastics at Winter Cup in Las Vegas, TBA
- Saturday**
- Women's tennis vs. Washington St. in Lincoln, Neb., 10 a.m.
  - Men's swimming vs. Northwestern, Ohio State in Evanston, 5 p.m.

- Men's basketball hosts Michigan St., Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 1:32 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Ohio State, 6:30 p.m.
  - Women's gymnastics at Illinois, 8 p.m.
  - Women's track at Husker Invitational, TBA
  - Men's gymnastics at Winter Cup in Las Vegas, TBA
  - Men's track at Panther Classic in Cedar Falls, TBA
  - Men's tennis at Indiana State, TBA
- Feb. 6**
- Women's basketball hosts Wisconsin, Carver-Hawkeye, 2:05 p.m.
  - Men's tennis at Butler, TBA

UI SPORTS

Wrestling loses back-to-back Big Ten duals

For the first time in 37 seasons, the Iowa wrestling team lost back-to-back Big Ten dual meets over the weekend.

The Hawkeyes — now 6-4 overall (1-2 in the conference) — fell 25-7 to Illinois in Champaign on Jan. 28, and lost 22-19 against Northwestern in Evanston on Jan. 29.

During the 1998-99 season, Iowa lost consecutive dual meets to Illinois and Oklahoma State, but this marked the first time the Hawkeyes dropped two straight to conference foes since losing to Michigan and Northwestern in the 1967-68 season. The loss to Northwestern also marked the first time the Wildcats have beaten the Hawkeyes, who previously held a 35-match winning streak in the series, since the loss in the '68 season.

"Right now, we've got some guys not wrestling like we know they're capable of," said Iowa coach Jim Zalesky.

Iowa won four of the first five matches against the Wildcats (9-1, 2-1), building a 19-3 lead, but lost the final five matches en route to the 22-19 defeat. Mario Galanakis, Ty Eustice, Joe Johnston, and Mark Perry all recorded victories in the first

half of the meet, but Luke Lofthouse, Paul Bradley, Adam Fellers, Matt Fields, and Charlie Falck dropped five straight in the second half. Iowa's Alex Tsiirtsis lost the Hawkeyes' second match at 141 pounds.

The Hawkeyes' 25-7 defeat against the Illini (11-1, 2-0) on Jan. 28 gave Iowa its first conference dual meet loss of the season. Redshirt freshman Perry (165) and true freshman Fields (heavyweight) were the only Hawkeyes to record a victory in the meet.

"We just lost all the close matches," Zalesky said. "You can't win championships or Big Ten titles or even dual meets when you can't win close matches."

Iowa will once again face the task of battling opponents on the road on consecutive days next weekend. The Hawkeyes will take on Penn State (7-7, 1-2) on Friday in University Park, Pa., and Ohio State (6-6, 0-2) on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

Zalesky said what his team needs to work on more than anything this week is mentality.

"You have to have the mentality that you're going to win," he said. "Right now I think more guys are finding a way to lose than to win."

— by Brian Triplett

UI SPORTS

Men's tennis program starts season with a win

The Iowa men's tennis program reversed its fortunes, literally, on Sunday afternoon.

By pounding the Northern Illinois Huskies, 6-1, the Hawkeyes opened the season with an impressive victory over a team that had dismantled them by the same margin a season ago.

"It's just a great way to start the season," said Hawk coach Steve Houghton.

What's more impressive is how the team did it, with four new starters, all of whom were successful in both singles and doubles play on Sunday.

"The new guys really stepped in and did a great job," Houghton said. "I was very pleased with how they handled it."

The coach was also happy with the performances of his returning players, and Iowa might have swept the meet had it not been for a shaky ankle.

Junior Chaitu Malempati suffered an ankle injury in his singles match that hampered his play in the third set and ultimately led to his defeat.

"It might have turned out different if he had his ankle," Houghton said. "I believe the outcome would have been different."

Either way, a 6-1 victory and a 1-0 start to the season, and the team had a happy coach.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Men's swimming falls to Missouri and Penn State

The Iowa men's swimming team fell to both Missouri and Penn State, 213.5-149.5 to the Tigers and 227-136 to the Nittany Lions over the weekend.

Although no Hawkeye was victorious on Jan. 29, there were some notable performances. Cameron Dye had a pair of top-five finishes, and teammate Trevor Haley finished third in the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly. Dragos Agache topped them, swimming to the best Hawkeye finish of the day with his second-place time in the 200 breaststroke.

The Hawkeyes will travel to Evanston, Ill., next weekend to compete against Northwestern and Ohio State.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Women's tennis loses to Denver, 5-2

The Iowa women's tennis team was slammed by No. 45 Denver on Sunday, falling 5-2 despite knocking off the 30th-ranked doubles team.

Hillary Mintz and Meg Racette upset the Denver duo (9-8, 7-5) in No. 1 doubles. Mintz also came from behind to win her singles match.

Despite the defeat, the Hawkeyes finished the weekend with a 1-1

record — they swept the Jan. 28 competition with Drake.

Iowa won every match in a 7-0 pounding of the Bulldogs.

The Hawkeyes will travel to Lincoln on Friday to take on Nebraska.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Four women's track members have best collegiate scores at Panther Classic

The Iowa women's track and field team competed in the Panther Classic at the University of Northern Iowa over the weekend against Northern Iowa, Kansas State, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wichita State, and Wisconsin. Although the Hawks did not place first in any events, four Hawkeyes achieved collegiate-best scores.

The squad that traveled to Northern Iowa was made up of younger, less-experienced athletes and the athletes who the coaches felt needed another meet to practice their events. Iowa's elite team members took a break from competition to prepare for the upcoming Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday.

"This season we are looking to maintain and improve," coach James Grant said. "We want to improve from our indoor finish last season, which was third."

— by Kristi Pooler

Men's track places third at Carle/Health Alliance Classic

The Iowa men's track and field team placed third out of five teams in the Carle/Health Alliance Classic in Champaign, Ill., on Jan. 29. The Fighting Illini won the meet with 218.5 points. Georgia finished second, Wisconsin was fourth, and Syracuse placed fifth. The Hawkeyes had a team total of 93 points.

Senior Andy Banse was the Hawkeyes' only individual champion. He set a personal best in the shot put with a throw of 60-2, which provisionally qualifies him for the 2005 NCAA indoor championships. Banse has improved on his throw each of the last three weeks.

— by Justin Skelnik

Women's gymnastics team unable to defeat No. 10 ISU

After several disappointing performances, the Iowa women's gymnastics team returned home from Ames with a small taste of victory.

Although the Hawkeyes were unable to defeat the 10th-ranked

Iowa State Cyclones, they beat both Hamline and Gustavus Adolphus.

"This season has just been a matter of getting the team to settle down," said Hawk coach Larissa Libby. "They just need to figure out what they are capable of, and then we will be right there with the top 10 teams in the country."

Iowa achieved a season-high score of 192.400 on Jan. 28. Senior Annie Rue contributed with a fourth-place performance on the bars, and Kortny Williamson placed fourth on the beam and fifth on the vault. Williamson and freshman Ally Zipse tied for fifth on the floor exercise.

On Saturday, the Hawkeyes will compete against Illinois in Champaign.

— by Kristi Pooler

No. 6 Men's gymnastics team places second at West Point Open

The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team placed second in the West Point Open this past weekend,

finishing 1.375 points behind Penn State, which captured its eighth-straight West Point title. Iowa won two event titles, set two school records, and qualified six individuals for the individual finals on Jan. 29.

Junior Michael Reavis won the floor event with an Iowa record 9.675. He also tied for first on the horizontal bar and took second in the all-around competition. As a team, Iowa set a school record for event points on the vault with 37.400 points.

In the individual finals, Reavis was the lone champion for the Hawkeyes, winning the floor exercise with a score of 9.625. He also finished second on the horizontal bar and fourth on vault. Junior Michael McNamara finished second behind Reavis on floor exercise with a 9.375. Senior Linas Gaveika placed third on the pommel horse while recording an Iowa season-best 9.5.

— by Justin Skelnik

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Seniors honored at final home meet

BY BRYAN BAMONTE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jennifer Skolaski strolled past her teammates one last time as the PA announcer rambled on for 15 minutes listing her accomplishments.

Teammates acknowledged her, shouting and applauding. Her coaches pointed to her as if to say thank you, and her parents were waiting, teary-eyed and proud. It was her day.

It became laughable as the announcer read off the sheet, and when he finally ended, there was a standing ovation.

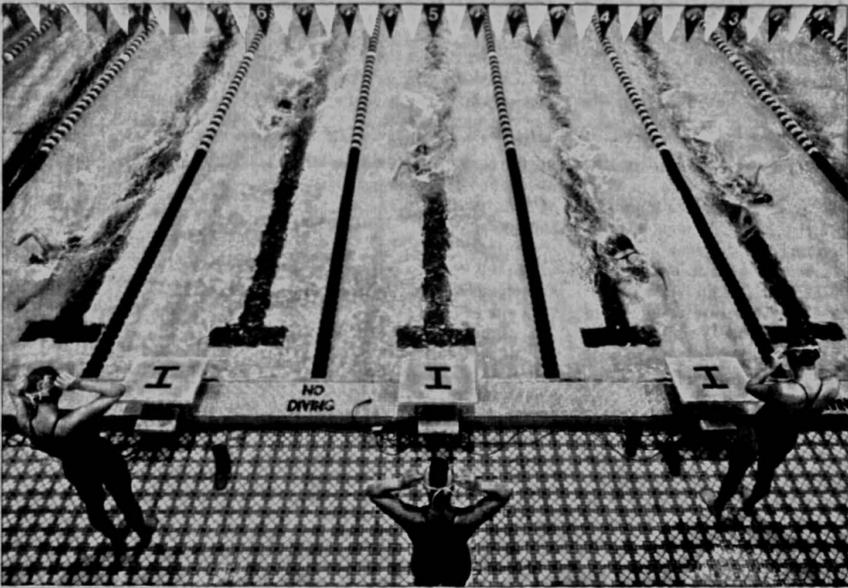
For all the record-book notations, times with her name listed next to them suspended above the Field House pool, Skolaski's most worthy accomplishment wasn't written on a sheet of paper. Rather, it was on display as she humbly turned to her fellow teammates, the last of the 10 seniors honored on Senior Day, and began to cheer before her recognition from the crowd and teammates began.

The PA announcer had just read her biography, and rather than take a minute to boast like everyone else was doing for her, she looked to her teammates.

For the 10 seniors who swam in the Jan. 29 final home meet, it was indeed an emotional ceremony, maybe even a relief. For those that had been there for four years, they had seen the worst of it, from pool malfunctions to rumors about the state of the Iowa swim program.

"I think every team has its problems," Skolaski said. "But with the support of your teammates, you can get through anything."

Do most programs have problems? Most likely. However, since she was a freshman, Skolaski has lost three coaches, seen pool malfunctions including collapsing



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Iowa swimmer Katie Martin (bottom middle) prepares for the 200 freestyle as she watches teammate Jaclyn Sarna swim the 1,000 freestyle on Jan. 29 in the Field House pool. Iowa defeated Ohio State but lost to Northwestern in the three-way meet.

titles, seen the programs combined (most likely a positive down the line), heard rumors of the program being cut, and noticed the lack of support for a new pool.

Despite numerous problems, the program seems to be headed in a new direction, toward combining programs and resources. At least the Hawkeyes now have a direction. As Skolaski put it, there were maybe mostly negative things, but the team has not fallen apart, and, therefore, future teams will have a home.

"This is what our senior class has done," she said. "And that is why our team will keep going."

Skolaski pointed out the coaching staff — including head coach Marc Long and assistants Frannie DeBord and Robert Pinter — as important people in doing what they could to keep the teams together.

Long feels that despite staff changes, the program, especially the women's team, which he has been with longer, has been resilient.

"They're great at just concentrating on being a part of this team," he said. "I've told them before that they may be the most important group regardless of the swimming because they know that they're laying the foundation for

one, five, 10 years down the line."

Long pulled his seniors aside prior to the Jan. 29 meet to let them know just how special they have been, and the team responded with its first Big Ten victory of the season against Ohio State in a dual meet in which they also fell to Northwestern.

After the meet, Skolaski's father told the coach that his daughter had told him there was no way she was losing her final match. And as usual, she didn't, winning all three of her individual events.

It was their day.  
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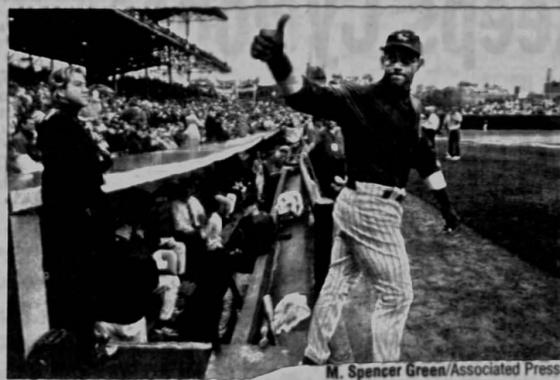
Hawkeye junior guard Jeff Horner attempts a jump shot over Indiana defenders during the Jan. 29 game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Horner had a breakout game, with 16 points (4-6 on 3-pointers) and nine assists.

*'I think we're right there, but now it's time to go. We've got to keep working to get over that hump and eliminate some mistakes.'*

— Iowa Coach Steve Alford

*'We didn't play with enough enthusiasm. We did a poor job of concentrating and paying attention to details.'*

— Indiana Coach Mike Davis



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Chicago Cub Sammy Sosa gives a thumbs up to the fans as he leaves the dugout before a game against the New York Yankees on June 6, 2003, in Chicago.

# SOSA MAY GO TO ORIOLES

BY THOMAS BOSWELL  
WASHINGTON POST

Sometimes marriages aren't made in heaven. But they still work out. That's what Sammy Sosa and the Baltimore Orioles hope, anyway.

For four months, ever since Sosa went AWOL in the final game of last season at Wrigley Field, thus burning the last bridge between himself and the Cubs, he has sat in limbo with a "For Trade, Cheap" sign on him. Yet even with the Cubs willing to pay \$10 million of his \$17.5 million contract for this season, there has been nary a taker for the only man to hit 60 homers three times.

One team after another passed on Sosa. Was it his infamous corked bat or his trip to the disabled list last year because of a sneeze? Was it his feud with Dusty Baker, a fellow so mellow that he managed Barry Bonds successfully? Or was it Sosa's reputation, deserved or not, as the next player who might show up at spring training "Giambized" in this tougher steroid-test era.

Meanwhile, the Orioles were in similar misery. If Sosa was the ex-superstar that nobody wanted, even though he hit 35 homers last season, then the Orioles were the team that every free agent left at the altar. Finally, last week, after Carlos Delgado stunned Baltimore by choosing Florida over Camden Yards, the Orioles and Sosa were drawn together by their mutual misery and public embarrassment.

When all else fails, by definition, you take what's left. After all, what else can you do?

So, in a deal drenched with irony, the Orioles are trading by default for one of the most famous, and at times beloved, players of the current era. As last-resort, face-saving, placate-the-public baseball deals are measured, this is as good as they get.

Be happy. Be entertained. Sammy, at 36, drags a caravan of

baseball baggage behind him. He's no in-his-prime Delgado, but he's vastly better than nothing. At least if you tell your friends you kept your Orioles tickets, they won't laugh in your face now.

Trading for Sosa may not be the way to rebuild a losing franchise. And the question of who makes important front-office decisions, owner Peter Angelos or his co-general managers, is now wide open once again. However, in their battle with the new Washington Nationals for TV eyeballs and box-seat fannies, the Orioles are now must-see reality programming.

Sometimes it takes courage to admit you've messed up your sensible options so badly that you simply have to roll the dice and take a chance. Or maybe it just requires desperation. Either way, it's better than being frozen by failure and doing nothing.

Now, presumably because a frustrated and badgered Angelos grabbed the steering wheel, the Orioles can wave one winter prize.

At a reasonable price, and for a short contract, the Orioles get a drawing card who will always be remembered as one of baseball's most vivid personalities. And they get Sosa with two years of Wrigley bitterness still in his mouth. The Dominican wants to redeem his name. Whether the right fielder still has the skills is a moot point. But if he does, the Orioles have a steal.

The slugger who hit 66, 63, and 64 homers and drove in 158, 141, 138, and 160 runs is presumably gone for good. But the Sosa of two years ago would still be a bonanza. That fellow hit 40 homers, drove in 103, and blew kisses to fans as the Cubs almost won the NL pennant. Of course, he was also criticized for 143 strikeouts and erratic base running and fielding. However, fans in Camden Yards won't carry memories of Sosa at his peak. To them, 33 heart taps, not 66, may be enough.

## Men's basketball recovers from loss by beating Indiana

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poor job of concentrating and paying attention to details."

Alford said Pierce led a defensive effort that shutdown Big Ten leading scorer Bracey Wright. The junior guard entered averaging 19.1 points a game but hit only 4-of-12 shots and played just 25 minutes because of foul trouble.

"I just tried to stay up on him," Pierce said. "He likes to

catch and shoot. They go to him a lot, and you just have to know where he is all the time."

Haluska left the game with an ankle injury, but Alford expects the sophomore to be ready to go Saturday against Michigan State.

The Hawkeyes sit in the middle of the Big Ten standings with nine regular-season conference games remaining before the league championships in Chicago, beginning on March 10.

Five more wins would give Iowa a winning conference record and 20 total wins, likely sending the Hawkeyes to their first NCAA Tournament since the 2000-01 season.

"I think we're right there, but now it's time to go," Alford said. "We've got to keep working to get over that hump and eliminate some mistakes."

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## Healing process complete for Hawks

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minutes, Iowa calmly broke Indiana's press and ran down precious clock. Iowa again struggled from the charity stripe down the stretch, but on Jan. 29, it didn't matter; the Hawks had salted the game away. At one point, the Hawkeyes were 12-15 from the line, an impressive number considering where this team had been Jan. 26.

One of the big problems the Hawkeyes have had this year is their knack for letting teams hang around, as evidenced by the Jan. 26 disaster. With a seven-point halftime lead Jan. 29, Iowa quickly extended its lead on the Hoosiers with a 9-2 run to open the second half, jumping up 14 points to give itself a comfortable lead the rest of the way. The Hoosiers

were never within seven the rest of the way.

More importantly for the Hawkeyes, Alford sent a message to his starters, especially his three captains, Pierre Pierce, Jeff Horner, and Greg Brunner. The three failed down the stretch with costly turnovers and missed free throws at Northwestern. They, along with center Erik Hansen, were removed from the starting lineup. They got the message and then some.

"They have been tremendous all year, but I felt the three captains just didn't perform the way they have to perform in the Northwestern game down the stretch," Alford said.

Pierce, after recording the wrong kind of double-double Jan. 26 with 15 points and 10 turnovers, played his best game of the season and maybe his career. His defense on Indiana star Bracey Wright, who

was averaging 19 points a contest going into the Iowa game, was even more impressive than the 25 points he dropped on the Hoosiers. He, along with Mike Henderson and Carlton Reed, shut down Wright, who scored just 10 points while fouling out.

Horner returned to his Maui Invitational ways, scoring 16 points and dishing out nine assists on the hapless Hoosiers. His 3-point stroke was back, going 4-6 from downtown. Horner went with all black shoes and socks, trying anything to change his pace.

Brunner, who scored 28 points Jan. 26 but allowed Vedran Vukusic to score 32, responded with solid post defense and was one rebound short of another double-double this season.

The win might not have been the best victory of the year, but the message was sent by Alford. His army responded.

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## Bowlsby will look for money-saving ideas

FUNDING  
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"I'm feeling support for the swimming program here."

Bowlsby has until May to complete his budget. While making those decisions, he said, the department will also scrounge around for an additional \$1 million for next year's budget.

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said the

athletics department has other revenue sources, such as ticket sales and broadcasting contracts, that will help to make up some of the losses.

"The department does a pretty good job of tightening its belt and finding ways to be efficient," he said.

Most of the programs targeted in the budget reductions were "nonacademic," Parrott said, adding that state appropriations will mostly go toward

reinstating faculty positions that have been lost over the past three years and raising faculty salaries.

The regents have requested \$40 million from the Legislature, and the final cutbacks hinge on how much the university receives. If Iowa gets less than requested, Parrott said, the school might have to slash more from the general-education fund.

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# Morgan keeps Cyclones together during losses



Oklahoma's Kevin Bookout (right) and Iowa State's Jared Homan battle for the ball during the first half on Jan. 29 in Ames. The Cyclones upset Oklahoma, 74-64.

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER  
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AMES — Iowa State's morale was sinking, and it's no secret why.

Losing does that to a basketball team.

"Obviously, when you lose a game, your morale's low," center Jared Homan said. "But you've got to be able to pick that up and go to the next game."

The Cyclones kept trying, but the losses kept mounting — until Jan. 29. Then it all clicked for Homan and his teammates, and they upset No. 13 Oklahoma, 74-66, to end a six-game losing streak.

Afterward, freshman Tasheed Carr saluted coach Wayne Morgan for keeping the team together through a gloomy January. Iowa State had not won since beating Tennessee State, 67-61, on New Year's Eve.

"Coach is very happy for us," Carr said. "He never gave up on us. He continued to preach family and stuff like that."

Of course, one victory doesn't mean Iowa State (9-8, 1-5 Big 12) is out of its slump. With so many challenging games ahead, nothing is guaranteed.

But the Cyclones clearly are feeling better about themselves as they get ready for Tuesday night's home game with Baylor. It's a stark contrast to last week, when horrible outside shooting hurt Iowa State in losses to Colorado at home and Kansas State on the road.

"I think it gives us a big lift," Morgan said. "It puts us in a position to know that obviously we can compete. We've been coming close a lot. We've had three bad games this year out of 17, and a lot of other times we came close. Now we're learning how to finish."

Three of Iowa State's Big 12 losses were by a total of 12 points. That included a 62-59 loss at Missouri, a game the Cyclones led by 12 with fewer than five minutes to play.

"He's trying to raise the morale, trying to get us better in practice," Homan said of Morgan. "I think that was evident [Jan. 29] that we are getting better, slowly but surely."

Iowa State's outside shooting again fizzled — 0-for-6 from 3-point range — but it didn't matter this time, because the Cyclones scored frequently in transition and got inside baskets in their half-court offense.

Of the team's 26 field goals, not one came on a shot farther out than 10 feet. The Cyclones built a 48-28 advantage on points in the paint and forced the Sooners (16-3, 5-1) into 18 turnovers. They finished with 13 steals while turning it over only eight times themselves.

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Attn: Athletic Director

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\$300/month includes all utilities. Shared kitchen and bathroom. Laundry on-site. (319)330-7081.

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**AVAILABLE** now, furnished student room for male. \$280-285 includes utilities and housekeeping. One block from main campus. (319)337-2573, after 5pm.

**AVAILABLE** now. Extra nice. Hardwood floors. Sunny, large. Close-in, quiet. No smoking, no pets. \$300. (319)351-0690.

**AVAILABLE** now. Two blocks from Pentacrest. Own bedroom, shared kitchen, bathroom, and library. Parking, internet, cable, and all utilities included. \$310. \$100 off first month rent. E-mail: rachel-feenor@uiowa.edu (319)330-6659.

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**DORM** style room, close to campus, all utilities paid. \$285/month. Call Joe (319)339-4295.

**DORM** style rooms available immediately. \$175 to \$195. Multiple locations. (319)354-2233 for showings.

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**ONE** bedroom in house four blocks Ped Mall. All utilities paid. Free parking. \$375/month. (515)571-2005.

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**ROOM** for rent in two bedroom house in Coralville, M/F. Have dogs. Pets negotiable. \$300/month plus 1/2 utilities. (319)330-8289.

**ROOMMATE WANTED/FEMALE**

\$315. Female roommate wanted to share quiet, clean two bedroom, two bathroom apartment. Lease available now until end of July. Huge closets, on bus route, dishwasher, C/A, laundry on-site. Free parking. 1/2 off first month rent. Non-smoking, no pets. (563)212-5137.

**\$315/month.** First month's rent and utilities free! Nice, quiet, clean. Call (515)681-8934.

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**ROOMMATE WANTED/MALE**

**ROOMMATE** to share four bedroom house. A/C, W/D, hot tub, fenced yard with deck. \$275/month plus utilities. (319)296-3701.

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**\$300/month** includes utilities. One room in house, private bathroom. Garage. 10 minutes from hospital. (319)248-0458.

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**ONE** bedroom available in two bedroom apartment. Private bathroom. Free parking. (319)321-8955.

**ONE** bedroom for rent in four bedroom apartment. \$340/month, utilities included. Available immediately, nice and clean. Call Jarod, (515)490-9299.

**OWN** bedroom in four bedroom house. Close to campus/ downtown. (773)719-6336.

**OWN** room in large house, utilities paid, \$200- \$350. (319)936-2184.

**ROOMMATE** needed for one bedroom in two bedroom apartment. On bus route. Close to Medical School. Levi, (319)330-5337.

**ROOMMATE** needed for two and three bedroom apartments. \$300- \$350 all utilities paid. Downtown, east and westside locations. Close to campus. Call Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

**ROOMMATE** wanted. Four bedroom. Gilbert Ct. Free shuttle. \$300 plus utilities. Call Ash (515)370-1634.

**STUDENT.** One bedroom in two bedroom apartment. Coralville. Available immediately. \$250. (319)270-4195. [www.barkerapartments.com/pp/parkplace.htm](http://www.barkerapartments.com/pp/parkplace.htm)

**TWO** bedroom apartment. 321 S.Linn. Furnished with cable. Excellent location. \$470/month until 6/05. Call (847)913-8552.

**WANTED:** U of I student to share nice four bedroom condo. Coralville. \$315/month plus 1/4 utilities. Available now or Fall 2005. (402)981-2390.

**SUMMER SUBLET**

**ONE** bedroom available May-August. Dates negotiable. One block from law school. Clean, safe, and fully furnished. Free personalized parking. Rent \$320. Call (402)689-5767.

**SUMMER SUBLET**

**THREE** bedroom for summer sublease. Downtown, parking, laundry. Great location. (319)594-3405.

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**SUMMER SUBLET, FALL OPTION**

**THREE** bedroom apartment three blocks to Pentacrest, off-street parking, laundry, A/C, D/W. (319)351-6534.

**THREE** bedroom apartment. One block from Currier. Parking, A/C. (563)299-8335.

**THREE** bedroom, A/C, dishwasher, parking, one block from Currier. (319)358-9107.

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**SUBLET.** 519 S. Dodge. Large one bedroom near campus on FREE shuttle route. \$478 plus gas/ electric, negotiable. Available now. (319)466-7491 or (319)936-1379.

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**STUDIO** apartment in private home near UIHC/ law school. Quiet student desired. 6 month lease. Available immediately. \$495/month. (319)584-5255.

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# DAILY BREAK

## calendar

• Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar, "Gauge Transformation as Automorphisms for Photons and Gravitons," William Klink, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• Colloquium, "Vortex Dynamics and Fluctuations Near the Magnetic Field Turned Superconductor-insulator Transition," Victor Galitski, University

of California-Santa Barbara, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• Department of Economics Tow Seminar, "The Market for Intellectual Property: Evidence from the Transfer of Patents," Carlos Serrano, University of Minnesota, 3:30 p.m., C121 Pappajohn Business Building.

## quote of the day

**"A black security guard spotted me and took me into the White House. I was walking around the whole White House. It was weird because [President] Bush was there, and they were hiding me from Bush."**

— Chris Rock, describing his impromptu tour of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. while making a movie in Washington.

## horoscopes

Monday, January 31, 2005  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The chance to get ahead is present. Do whatever you can to show your talents. Someone will recognize your worth and help you. Being passive will lead to missed opportunities.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** There is no time to waste. Take aggressive action when it comes to making money. The job you do today will set the standard for future projects. A confident attitude will go a long way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You should be able to show everyone how efficient and reliable you can be. You will have no trouble initiating what it is you want to pursue. A partnership will develop into something special.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will be indecisive, but that's not a bad thing. You are likely to make the wrong choices if you do move forward with something or someone. Be a little secretive.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your outgoing, dynamic way of approaching business will win you points today. Travel and communication are in a high cycle, so don't hesitate to ask for favors or start something new.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** If you can envision something, you can make it a reality. Your imagination coupled with good work ethic will be all that's required to see matters through to the end. Romance is prominent.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will find yourself in an awkward position if you are too headstrong. Overreacting will not win you favors or help you finish what you start. Stick to what you know and do well.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will have a lot riding on the choices you make and the things you do today. Be confident, and you will get the interest and the backing you need in order to move forward.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will make an impression on someone who is interested in the same goals as you. Stick to your plans, and you will succeed. A new relationship will inspire you to try new things.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** As much as you would like to be in charge, today is not the day to force your authority on others. Rely on your own abilities, and refrain from giving orders. Discord is apparent.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The information you receive will help you make a very important choice regarding your future and with whom you spend it. Opportunities to get involved in something good are present.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Someone unusual will brighten your day. Doing things to make your home more comfortable or pleasing will have a huge effect on the way you feel. Expect to receive a gift.

## news you need to know

**Today** — Last day for graduate students to add or change S-U status, 4:30 p.m.  
— Last day for graduate students to late register or add courses, 4:30 p.m.  
— Last day for undergraduates to add courses, drop courses without a W, 4:30 p.m.  
— Last day for undergraduates to add or change P-N or audit status and late register, 4:30 p.m.  
— Last day to add or drop a course without a \$10 charge, 4:30 p.m.  
— Last day to drop individual courses or reduce hours in order to affect tuition and fee assessments, 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday** — \$10 charge for each course added or dropped effective today  
— \$100 late registration fee effective today

**Wednesday** — Fall course offerings proof copy to departments

**Feb. 07** — Withdrawal of entire spring-semester registration through Feb. 11 — student held to 75% of tuition and mandatory fees

## happy birthday to ...

Jan. 31 — Jesse "The Body" Meadows, 22; Maggie Warner, 21; Andy Hunsberger, 22; J.K. Perry, 26; Drew Kerr, 20

## PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now  
11 Colombian Communities Under Attack  
12:20 p.m. The Geneva Lecture Series: John Calvin & the Problem with American History  
1:45 a.m. su sampler  
2 2003 Diabetes Awards Banquet & Health Fair  
3 White Privilege Conference '04  
4:15 Starbucks & House of Aromas  
4:30 Respect for Life

5:30 Islam: Dispelling the Myths  
6:30 SCTV Calendar  
7 Education Exchange  
7:30 Live & Local  
8 Access Update  
8:30 Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights  
9:30 Minutes  
9:30 Lyle Style  
10 2 celebrate our Iness  
10:30 Whatever 4  
11:30 The Universe

## UITV schedule

3 p.m. The Modernization of Torture and Slavery: A Human Rights Lecture  
4 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Cmiel & Burt  
5 Eagles and Wolves: Roman Soldiers in Peace and War  
6:30 Coach Steve Alford News Conference  
7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Patricia Foster

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11:20 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford

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### Little University

- Who in 1997 left the broadcast booth to tell the judge: "In the past, there was consensual biting?"
- What company did the Justice Department seek to fine \$1 million per day for "anticompetitive licensing" in 1997?
- What haunting exotic dancer did Chris Kattan portray on "Saturday Night Live"?
- What fashion doll icon underwent "really rad" plastic surgery to achieve a more "life-like" profile?
- What colony returned to China under a proposed "One country, two systems" pact?

1. Mary Albert  
2. Microsoft  
3. Mango  
4. Barbie  
5. Hong Kong

## the ledge

### WHY NICK NARIGON'S LEDGES AREN'T FUNNY

— by Aaron Holmgren

• He has his mom proofread them.

• He's just using the Ledge as a springboard to write for Highlights magazine.

• Acute memory loss causes him to forget that he makes a "have you bought your books yet?" joke every two days.

• He was home-schooled.

• Instead of an angel and a devil, a hockey puck and a shoelace appear above his shoulders to offer him advice.

• Working toward the world record of "Most Consecutive Days Without Being Funny."

• You heard all his jokes five years ago on Leno.

• Trying to earn the title of "The Family Circus of Joke-List Writers."

• He owns the rare, misprinted 1973 edition of Roget's Thesaurus in which the words "boring," "lame," and "God-awful" are listed as synonyms for "funny."

## DILBERT ®

by Scott Adams



## 'NON SEQUITUR

BY VILEY



## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

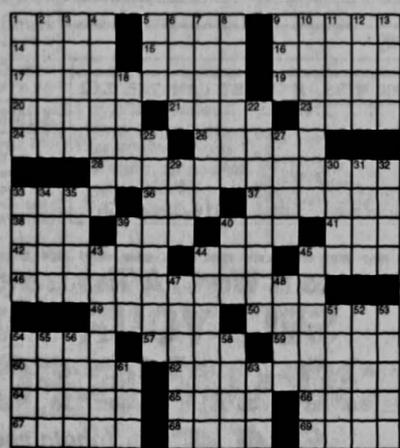


## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1220

- ACROSS**
- God of love
  - Diehard
  - Give the heavens
  - Audition goal
  - Pet on "The Flintstones"
  - Bravery
  - Start of a Yogi Berra quote
  - Online periodical, briefly
  - "This is only"
  - Ear part
  - Off the wall
  - Susan who wrote "Illness as Metaphor"
  - Peruvian beast
  - End of 17-Across
  - Russian leader of old
  - Knock the socks off of
  - African fly
  - Lilly & Co.
  - Alternative to dial-up Internet
  - "Quiet!"
  - Cheerios ingredient
  - The "y" in "r"
  - When a plane is due to take off: Abbr.
  - B & B's
  - Start of a Yogi Berra quote
  - Mild cigar
  - New Haven collegians
  - Prefix with bytes or bucks
  - Out of control
  - Spice of life
  - Spend, as energy
  - End of 46-Across
  - Ditch digger's tool
  - Plant's start
  - Slightly
  - Play (around)
  - Bookie's quote
  - Telescope part
- DOWN**
- Diva performances
  - "Live Free or Die," for New Hampshire
  - Mary-Kate and Ashley (celebrity twins)
  - Antares, e.g.
  - Modifying word: Abbr.
  - Small container for liquids
  - Entail
  - Two-base hit
  - Christmas
  - The 1920's
  - Pen name for Charles Lamb
  - It's south of Mass.
  - Deuce topper
  - And others: Abbr.
  - Environmentalists' celebration
  - Boxer's weak spot
  - Beat to a pulp
  - Harry Potter's messenger bird
  - Hedwig, e.g.
  - Lots and lots
  - "No man" island
  - New Jersey hoopers
  - Actress Garr
  - Venetian blind part
  - Gives a hand
  - Old-fashioned showdown
  - TV classic "The Erwin Show"
  - What bouncers check
  - Went from apes to humans
  - Prohibited
  - Melodious
  - Volcano flow
  - Seeing red
  - Big name in bottled water
  - Mails
  - Net material
  - Giant fair
  - Cyclist's choice
  - Monopoly card
  - Golf peg
  - Hwys.



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